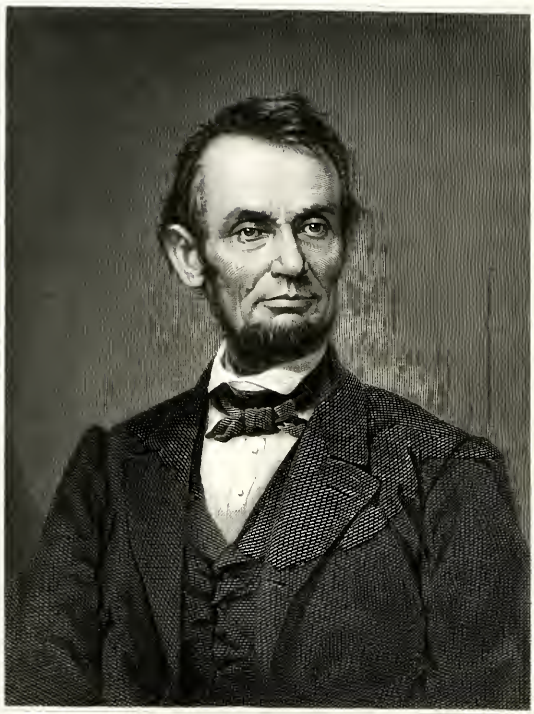
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ELEGIAC ODE

The words from

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S

Burial Hymn

BY

WALT WHITMAN

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FROM PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S BURIAL HYMN.

Come, lovely and soothing Death,
Undulate round the world, serenely arriving, arriving,
In the day, in the night, to all, to each,
Sooner or later, delicate Death.

Prais'd be the fathomless universe,
For life and joy, and for objects and knowledge marvellous;
And for love, sweet love— But praise! praise! praise!
For the sure-enwinding arms of cool-enfolding Death.

Dark Mother, always gliding near, with soft feet,
Have none chanted for thee a chant of fullest welcome?
Then I chant it for thee— I glorify thee above all;
I bring thee a song that when thou must indeed come, come unfalteringly.

Approach, strong Deliveress!
When it is so— when thou hast taken them, I joyously sing the dead,
Lost in the loving, floating ocean of thee,
Laved in the flood of thy bliss, O Death.

From me to thee glad serenades,
Dances for thee I propose, saluting thee— adornments and feastings for thee;
And the sights of the open landscape, and the high-spread sky, are fitting,
And life and the fields, and the huge and thoughtful night.

The night, in silence, under many a star;
The ocean shore, and the husky whispering wave, whose voice I know;
And the soul turning to thee, O vast and well-veil'd Death,
And the body gratefully nestling close to thee.

Over the tree tops I float thee a song!
Over the rising and sinking waves— over the myriad fields, and the prairies wide;
Over the dense pack'd cities all, and the teeming wharves and ways,
I float this carol with joy, with joy to thee, O Death!

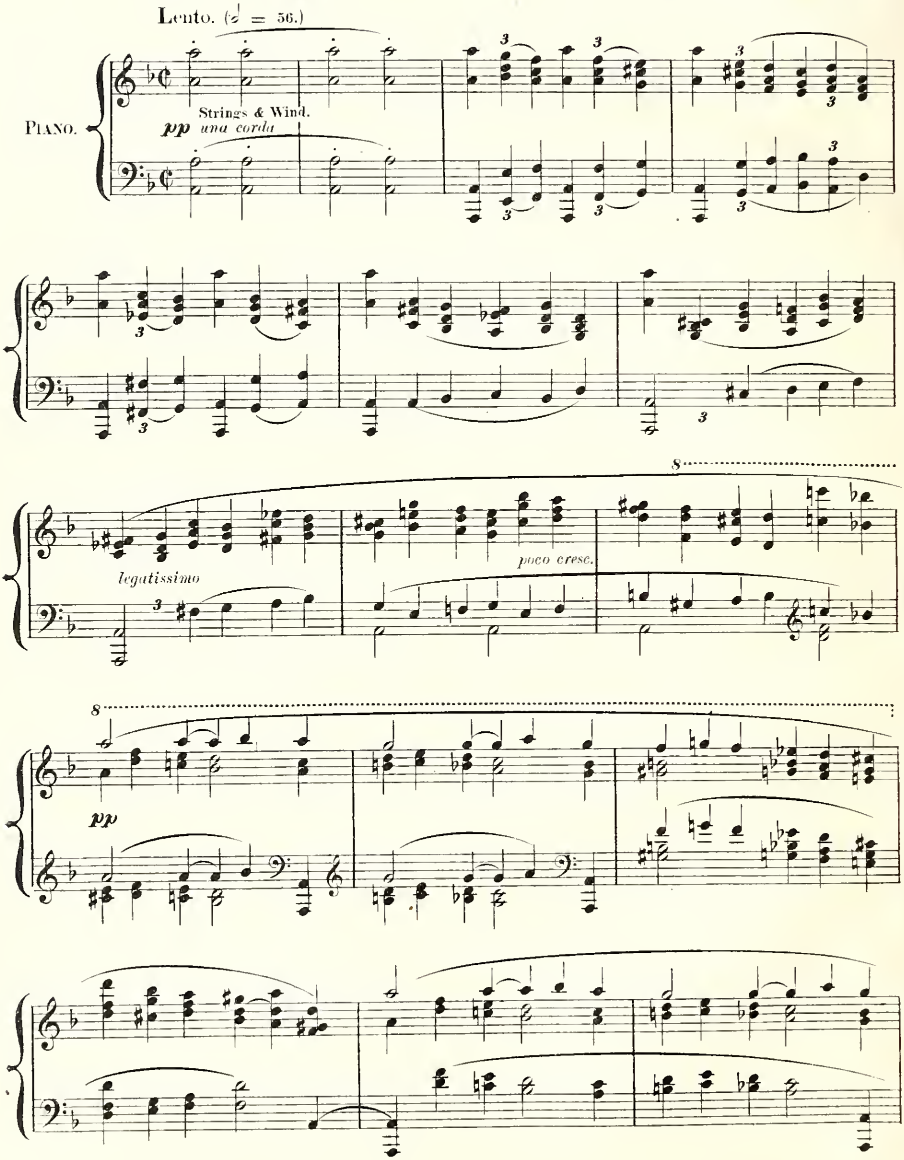
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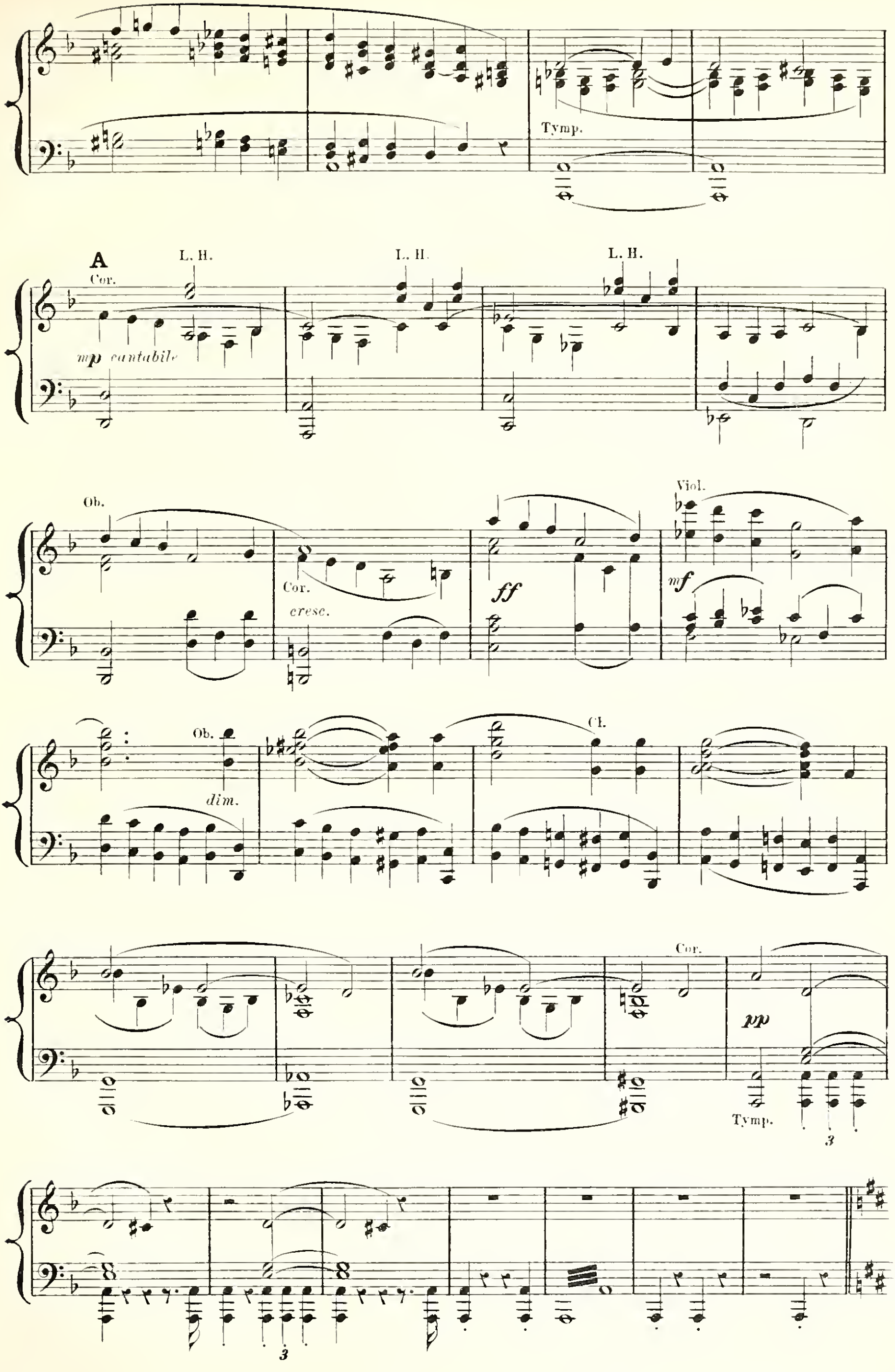
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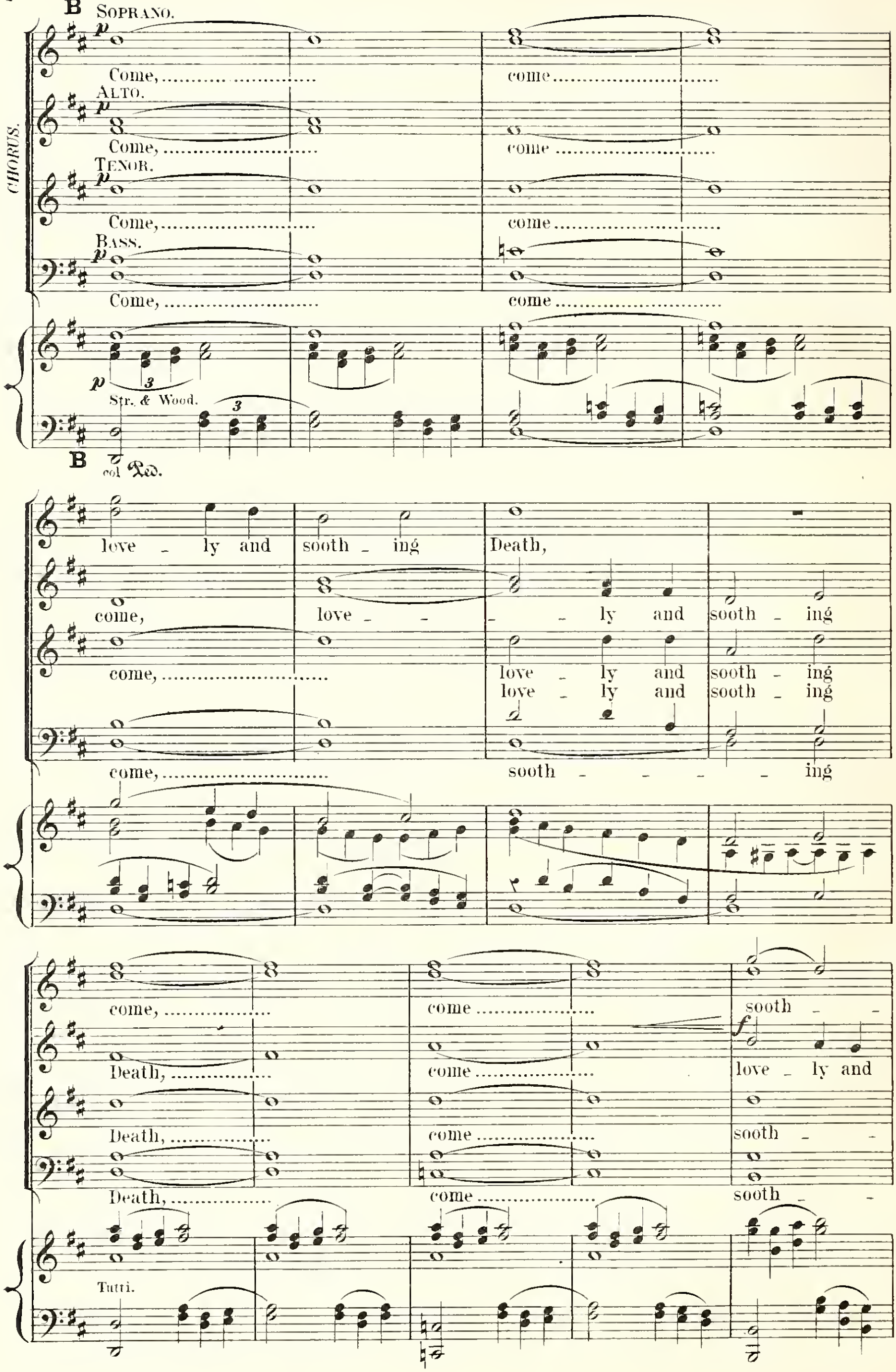
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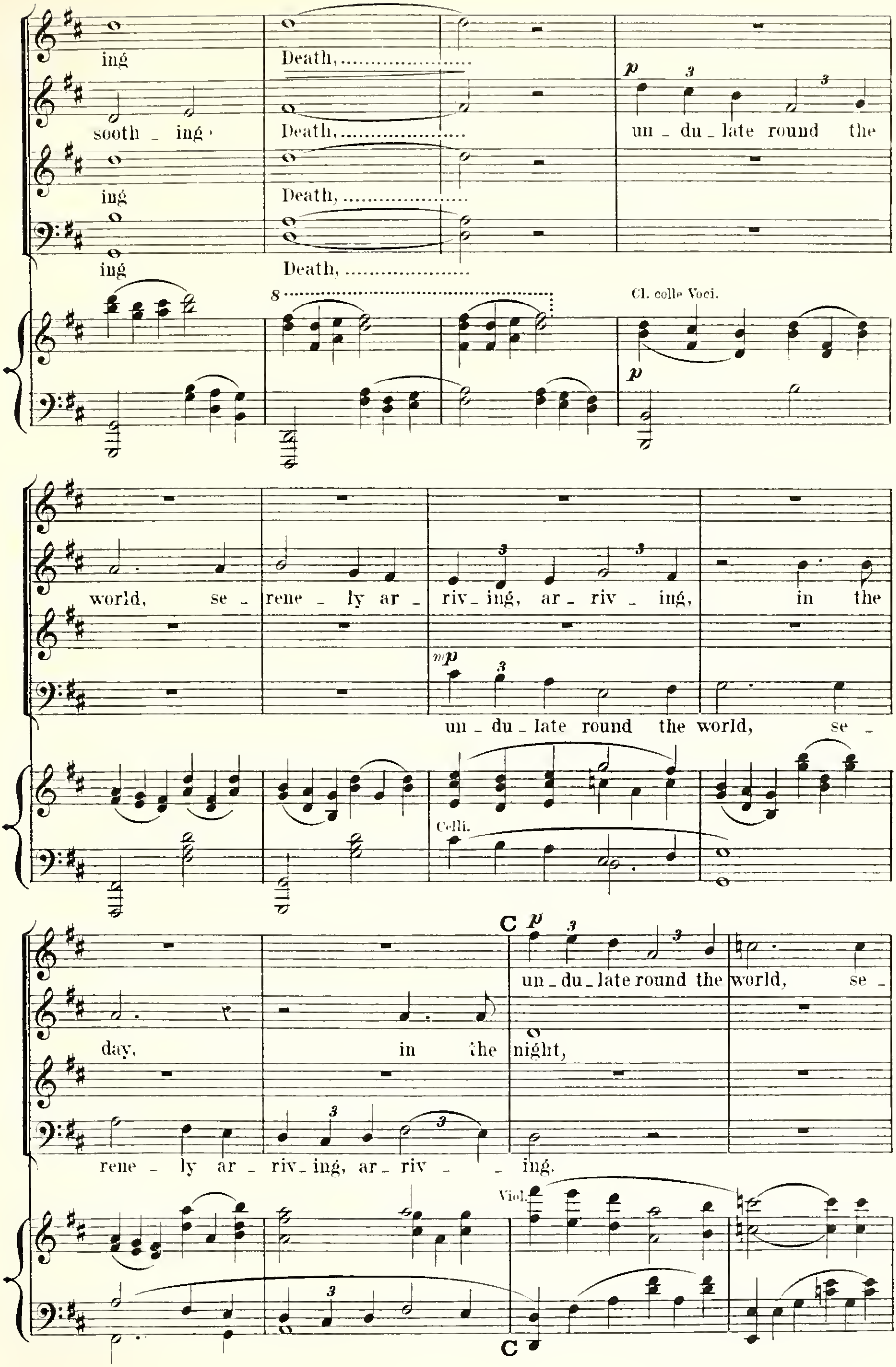
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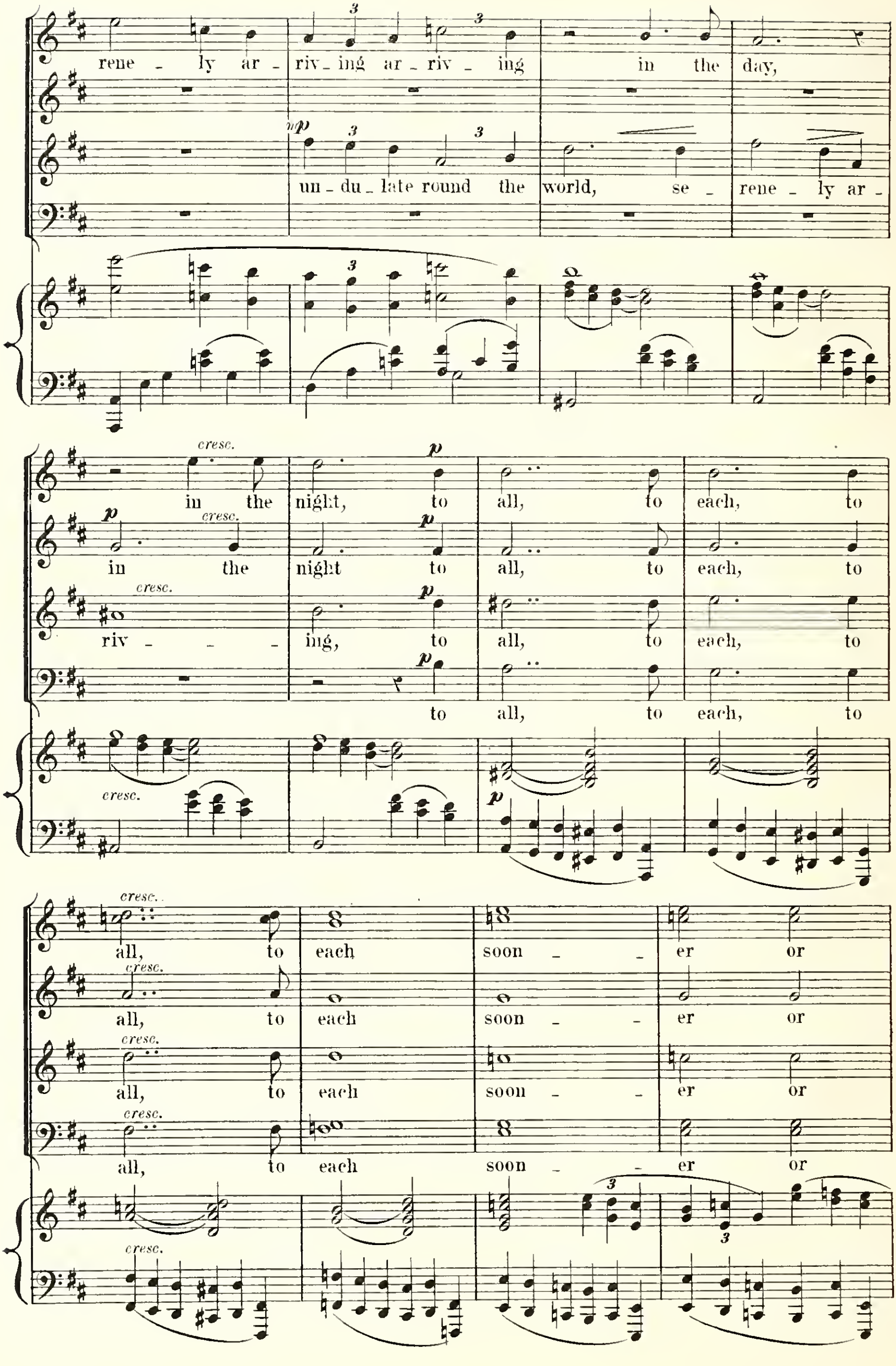
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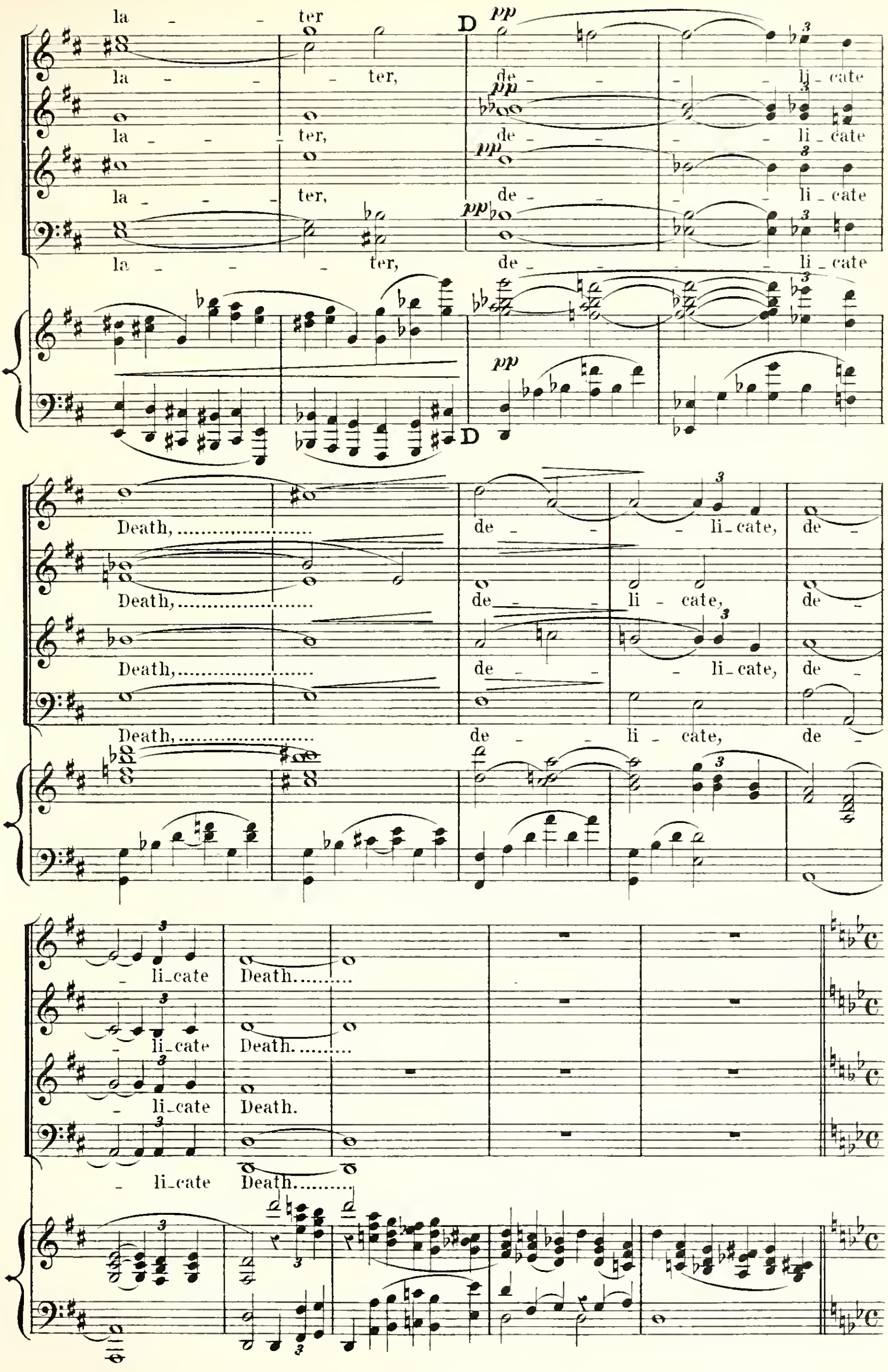


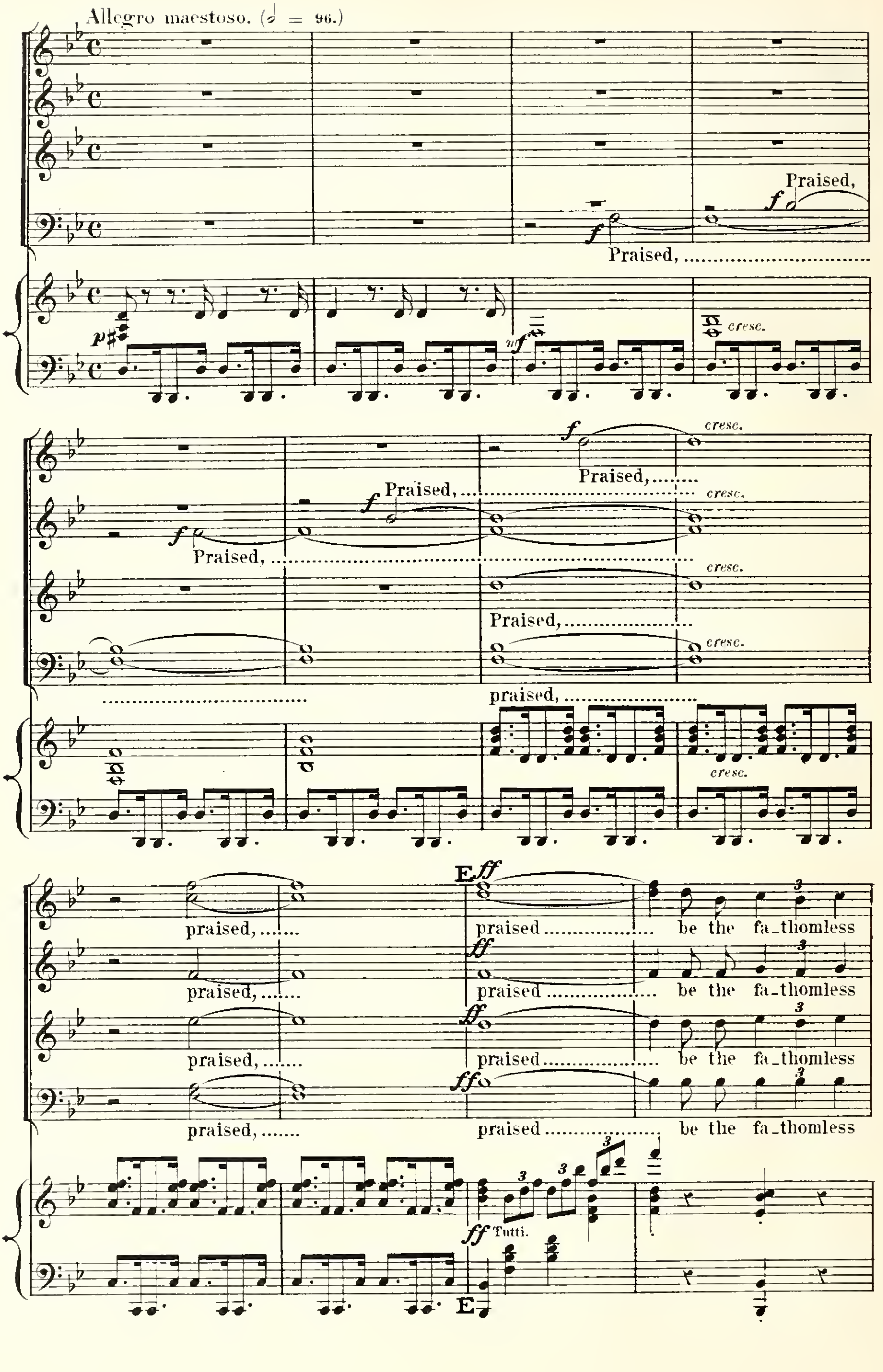

Tymp.
A
Cor.
L. H.
L. H.
L. H.
mp cantabile
Ob.
Cor.
cresc.
ff
Viol.
mf
Ob.
dim.
Cl.
Cor.
pp
Tymp.
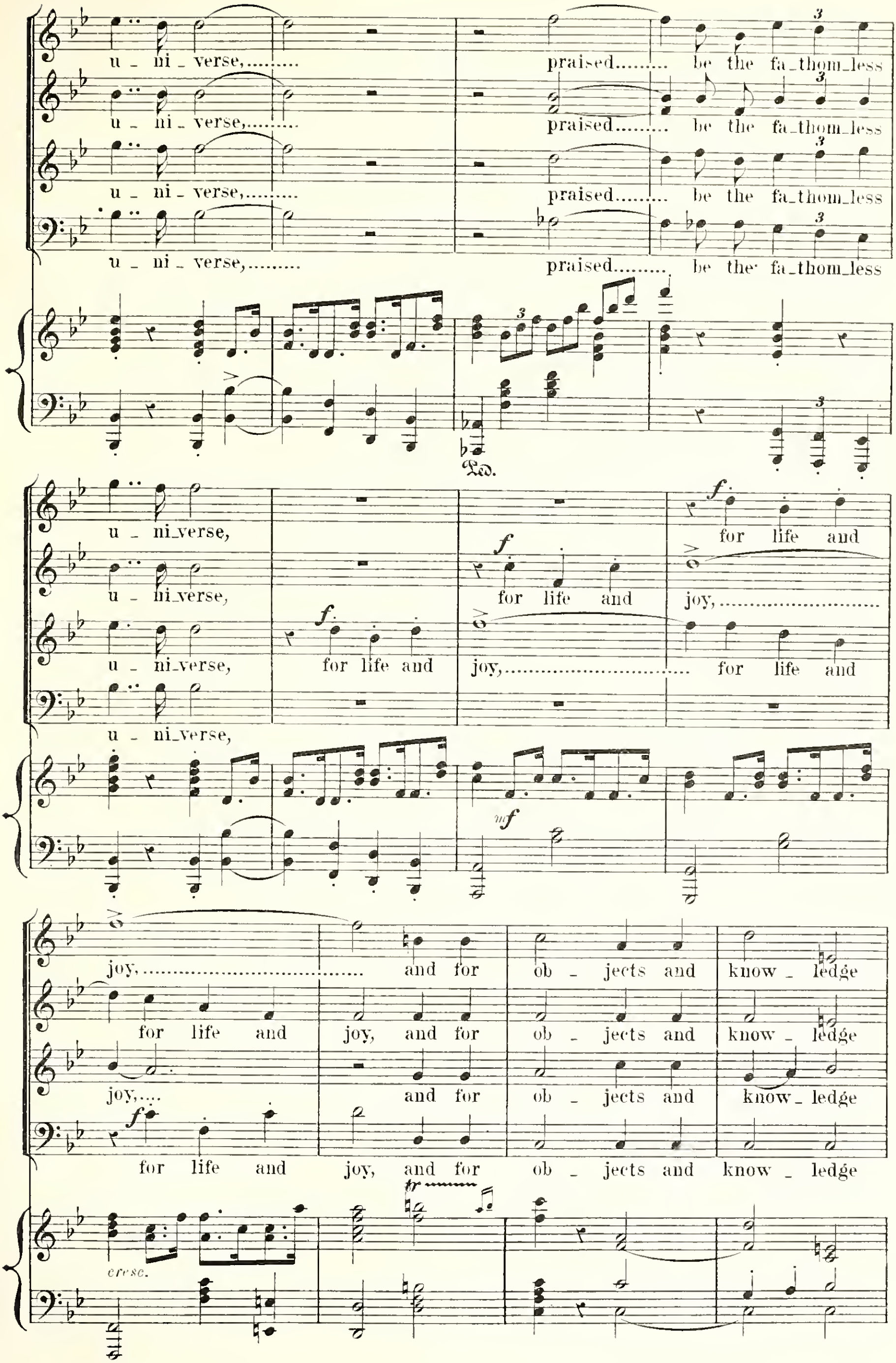

B
SOPRANO.
Come, come
ALTO.
Come, come
TENOR.
Come, come
BASS.
Come, come
CHORUS.
Str. & Wood.
col Ped.
love - ly and sooth - ing Death,
come, love - - - ly and sooth - ing
come, love - ly and sooth - ing
love - ly and sooth - ing
come, sooth - - - - ing
come, come sooth - -
Death, come love - ly and
Death, come sooth - -
Death, come sooth - -
Tutti.
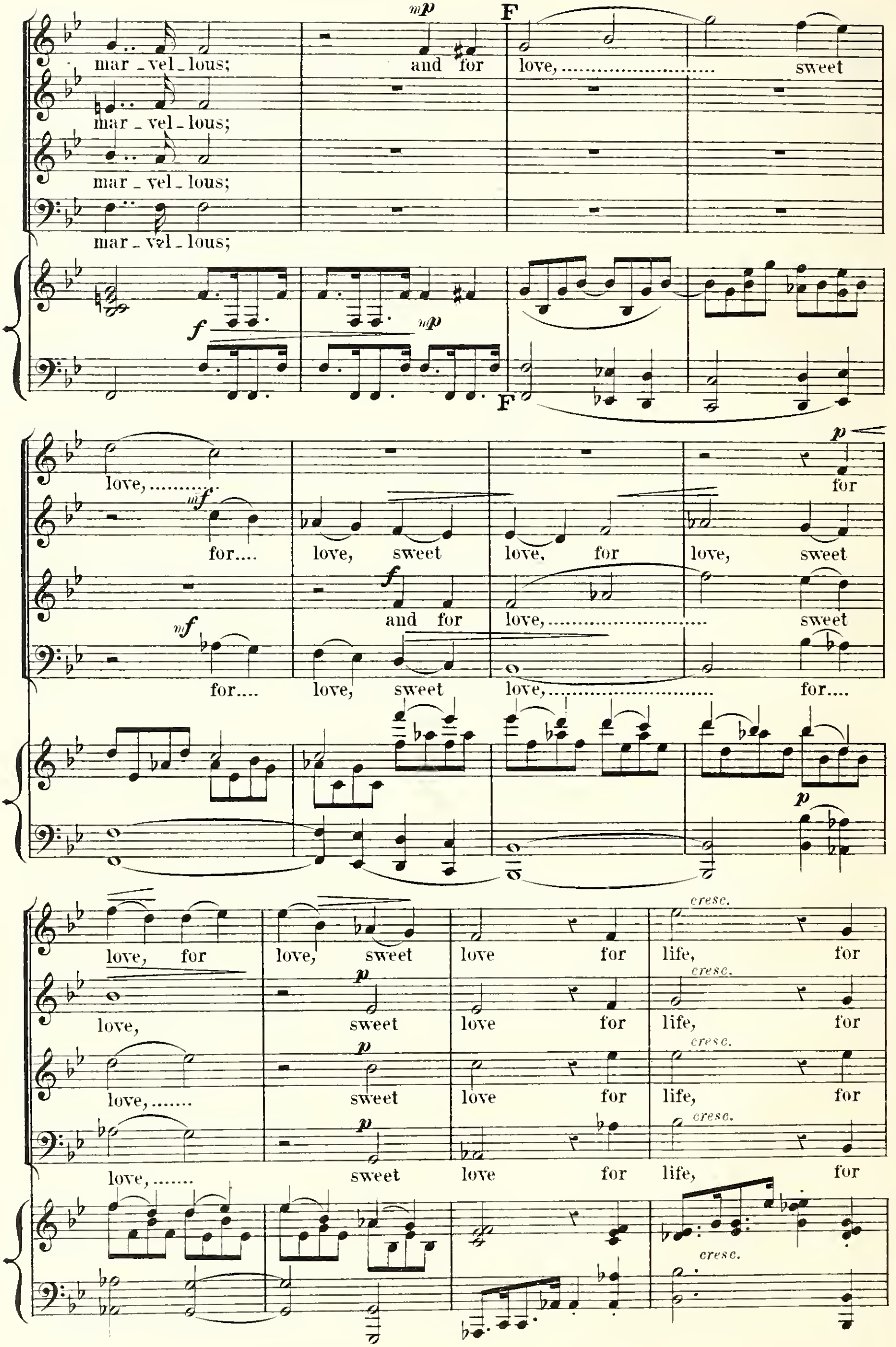

ing
Death,
sooth - ing
Death,
un - du - late round the
ing
Death,
ing
Death,
8
Cl. colle Voci.
p
world, se - rene - ly ar - riv - ing, ar - riv - ing, in the
mp
un - du - late round the world, se -
Celli.
C
p
un - du - late round the world, se -
day, in the night,
rene - ly ar - riv - ing, ar - riv - ing.
Viol.
C
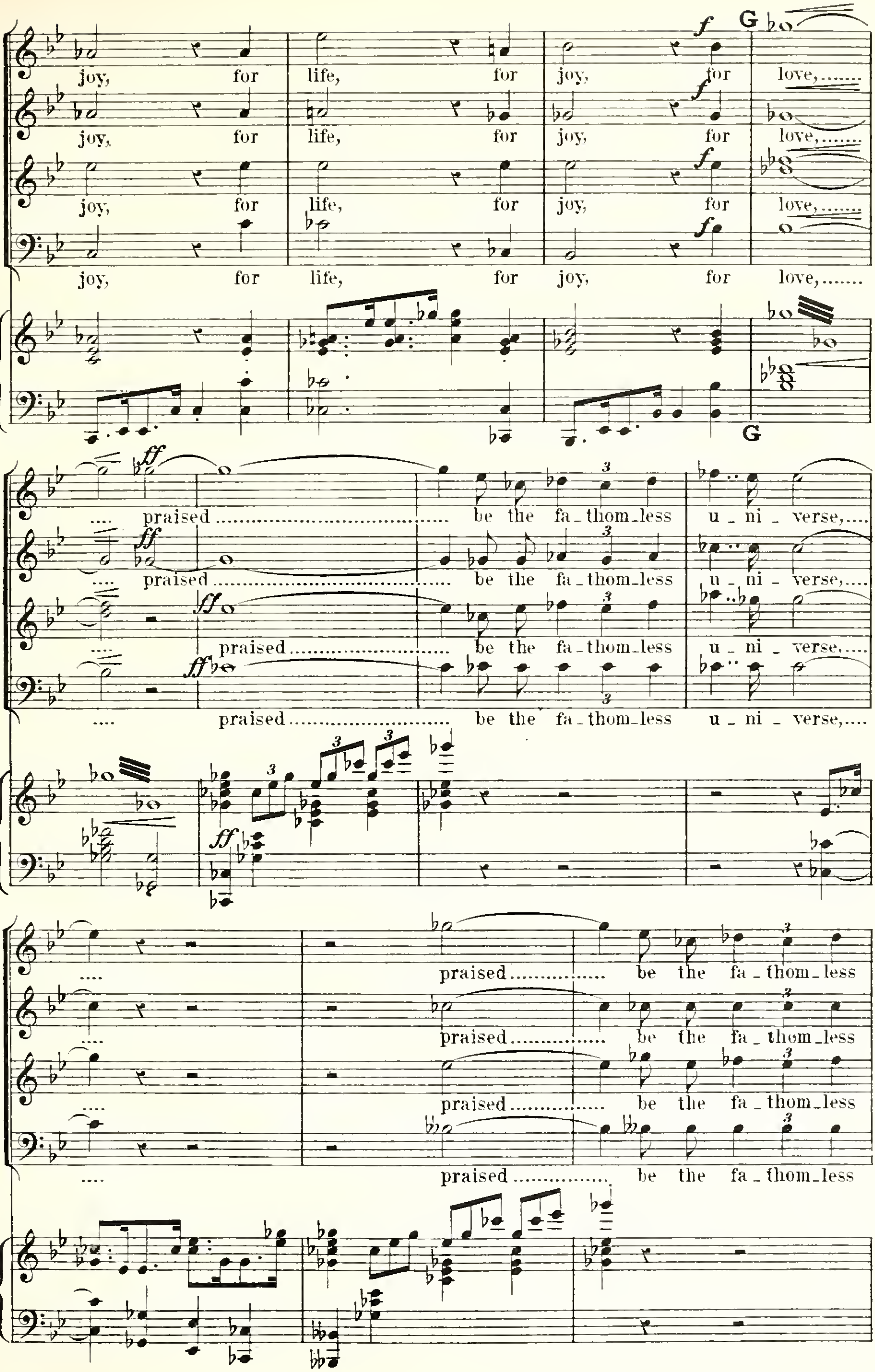

rene - ly ar - riv - ing ar - riv - ing in the day,
un - du - late round the world, se - rene - ly ar -
in the night, to all, to each, to
in the night to all, to each, to
riv - - - ing, to all, to each, to
to all, to each, to
all, to each soon - - er or
all, to each soon - - er or
all, to each soon - - er or
all, to each soon - - er or
cresc.
p
mp
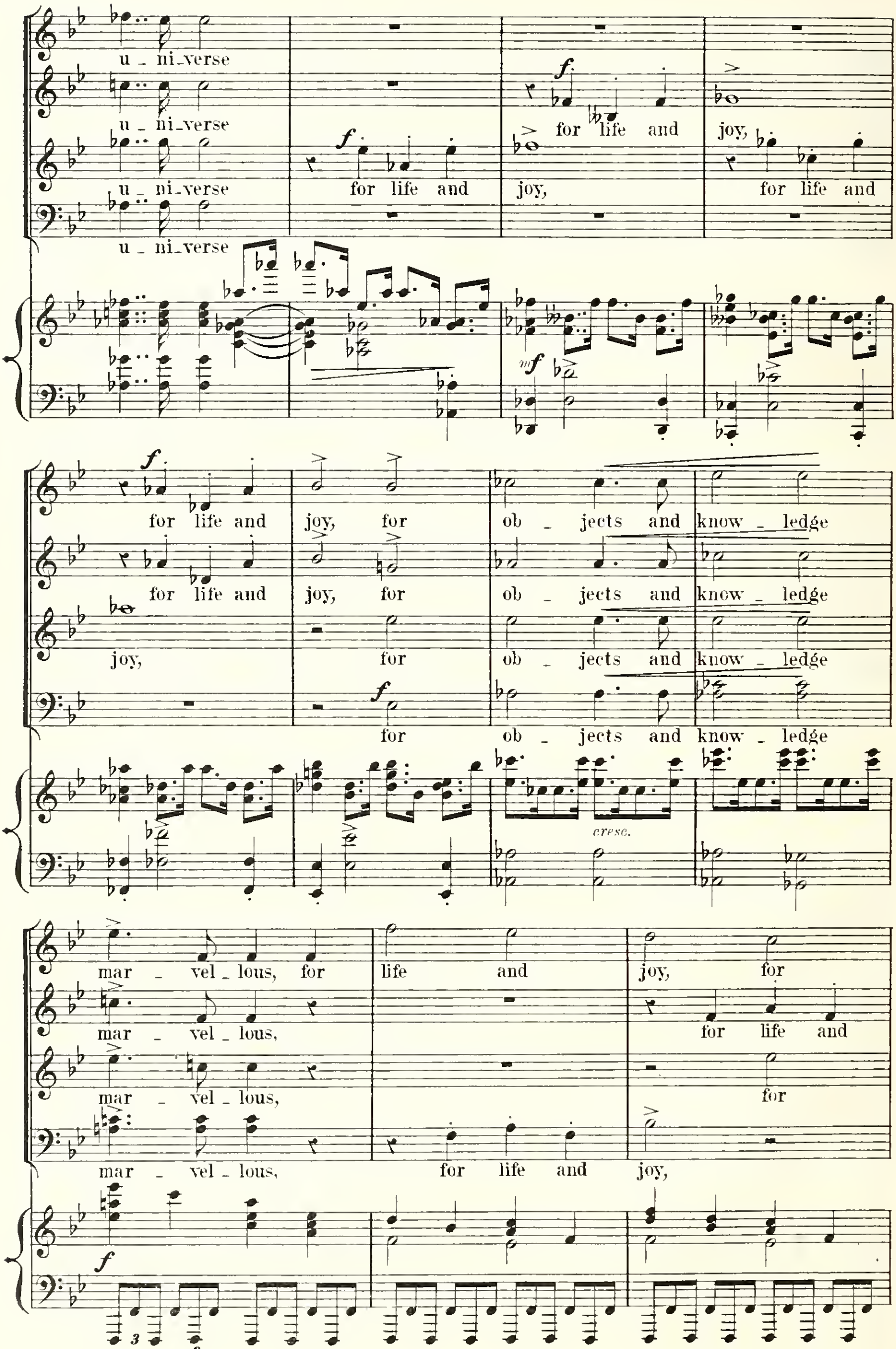

la - - ter
D
pp
la - - - ter, de - - - - li-cate
la - - - ter, de - - - - li-cate
la - - - ter, de - - - - li-cate
la - - - - ter, de - - - - li-cate
Death, de - - - li-cate, de -
Death, de - - li - cate, de -
Death, de - - - li-cate, de -
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- li-cate Death.
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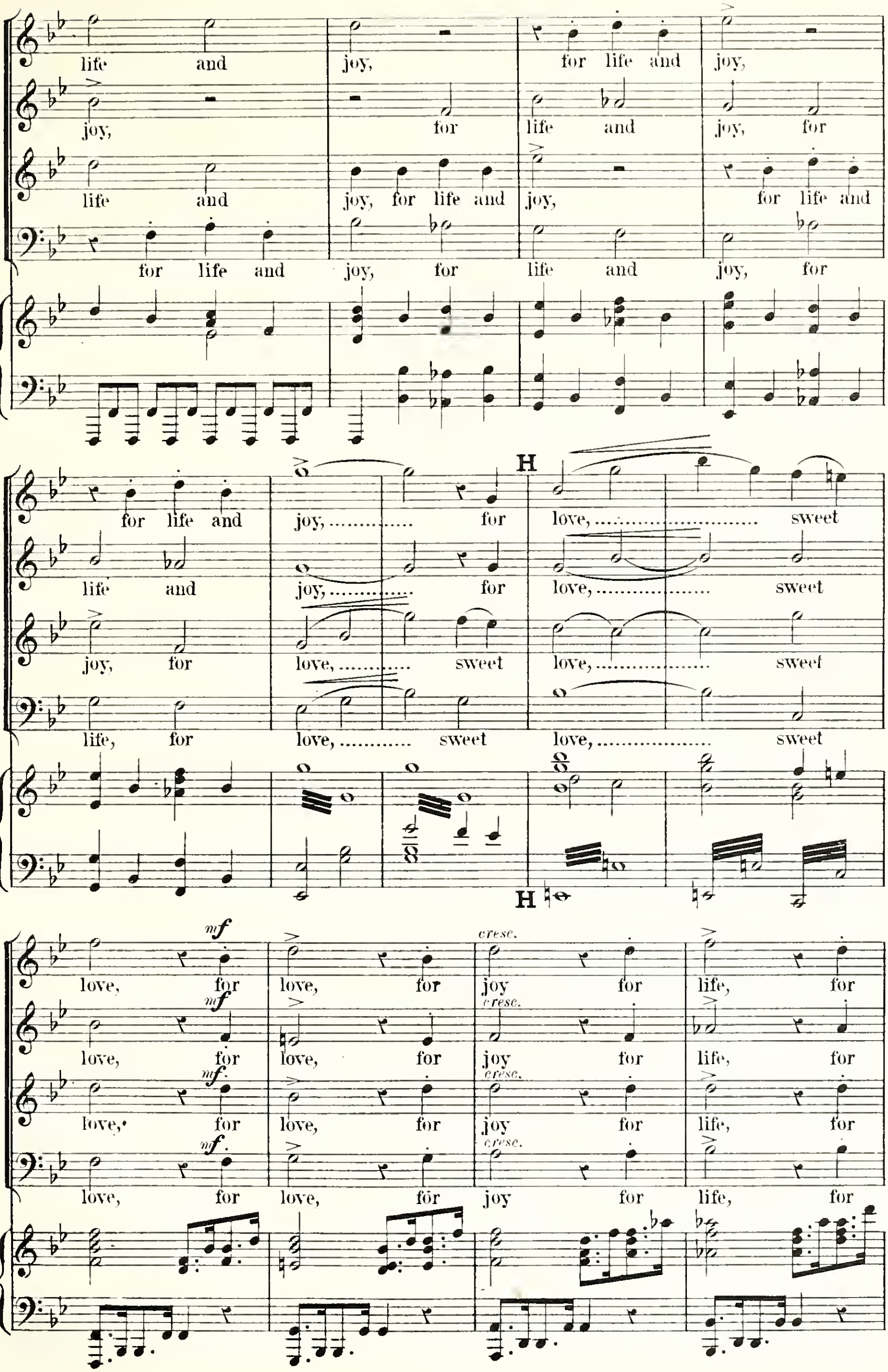

Allegro maestoso. (𝅗𝅥 = 96.)
Praised,
praised,
praised
be the fa_thomless
cresc.
E
Tutti.
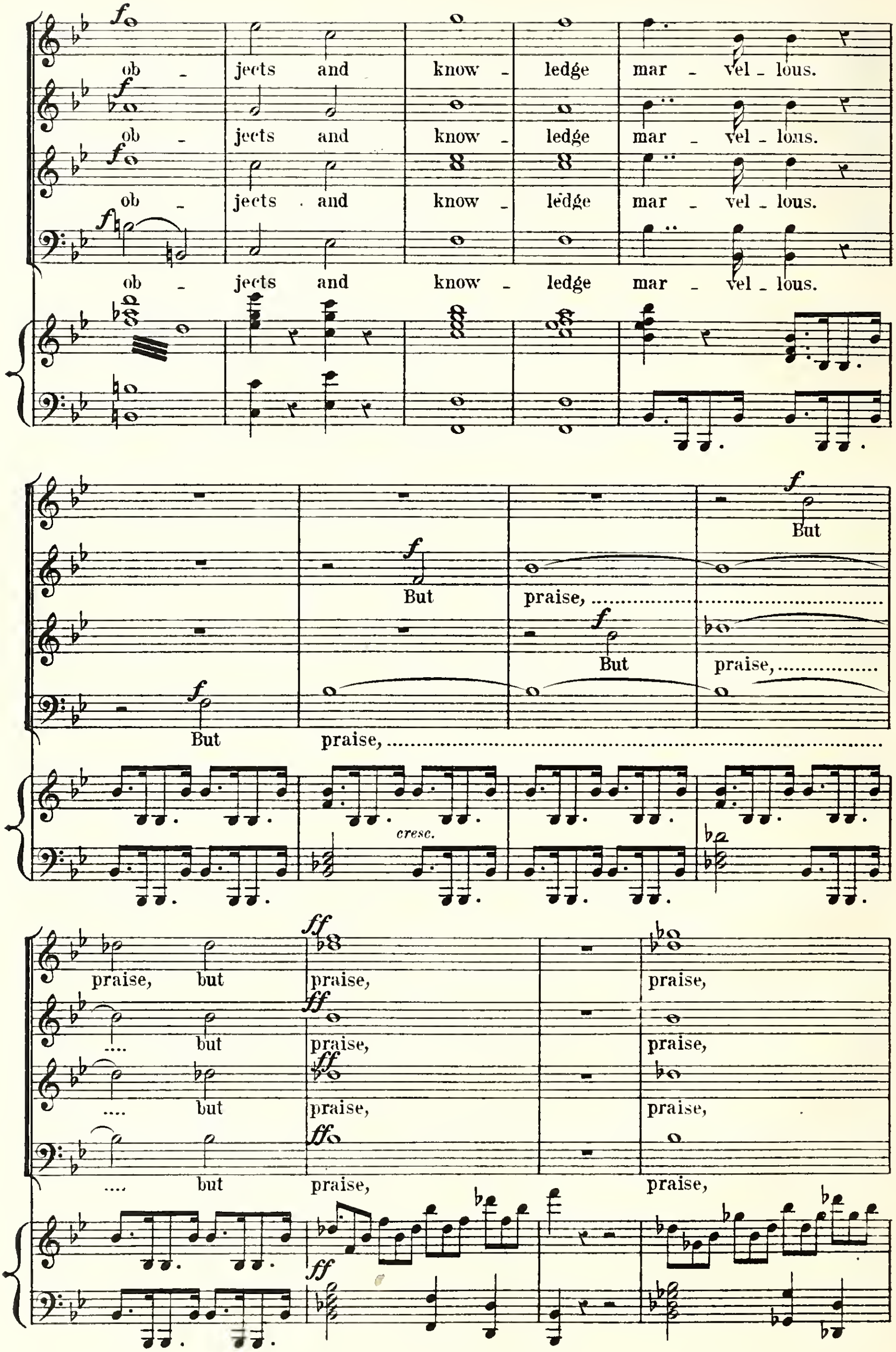

u - ni - verse,......... praised......... be the fa-thom-less
u - ni - verse,......... praised......... be the fa-thom-less
u - ni - verse,......... praised......... be the fa-thom-less
u - ni - verse,......... praised......... be the fa-thom-less
u - ni-verse, for life and
u - ni-verse, for life and joy,............................
u - ni-verse, for life and joy,............................ for life and
u - ni-verse,
joy,.................................... and for ob - jects and know - ledge
for life and joy, and for ob - jects and know - ledge
joy,.... and for ob - jects and know - ledge
for life and joy, and for ob - jects and know - ledge
cresc.
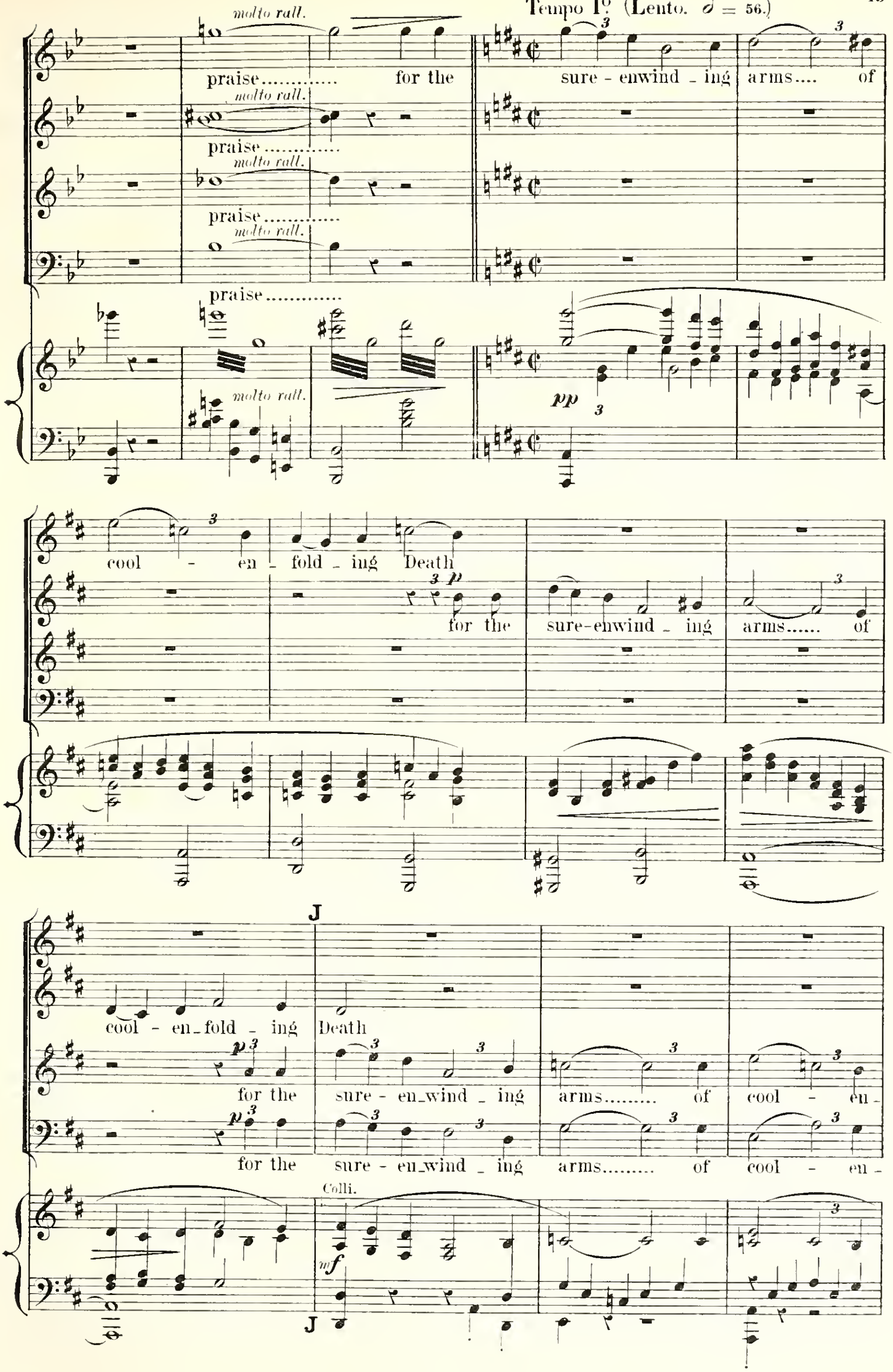

F
mar - vel - lous;
and for
love, ...
sweet
love, ...
for....
love, sweet
love, for
love, sweet
for
and for
love, ...
for....
love, for
love, sweet
love
for
life,
for
love, ...
sweet
cresc.

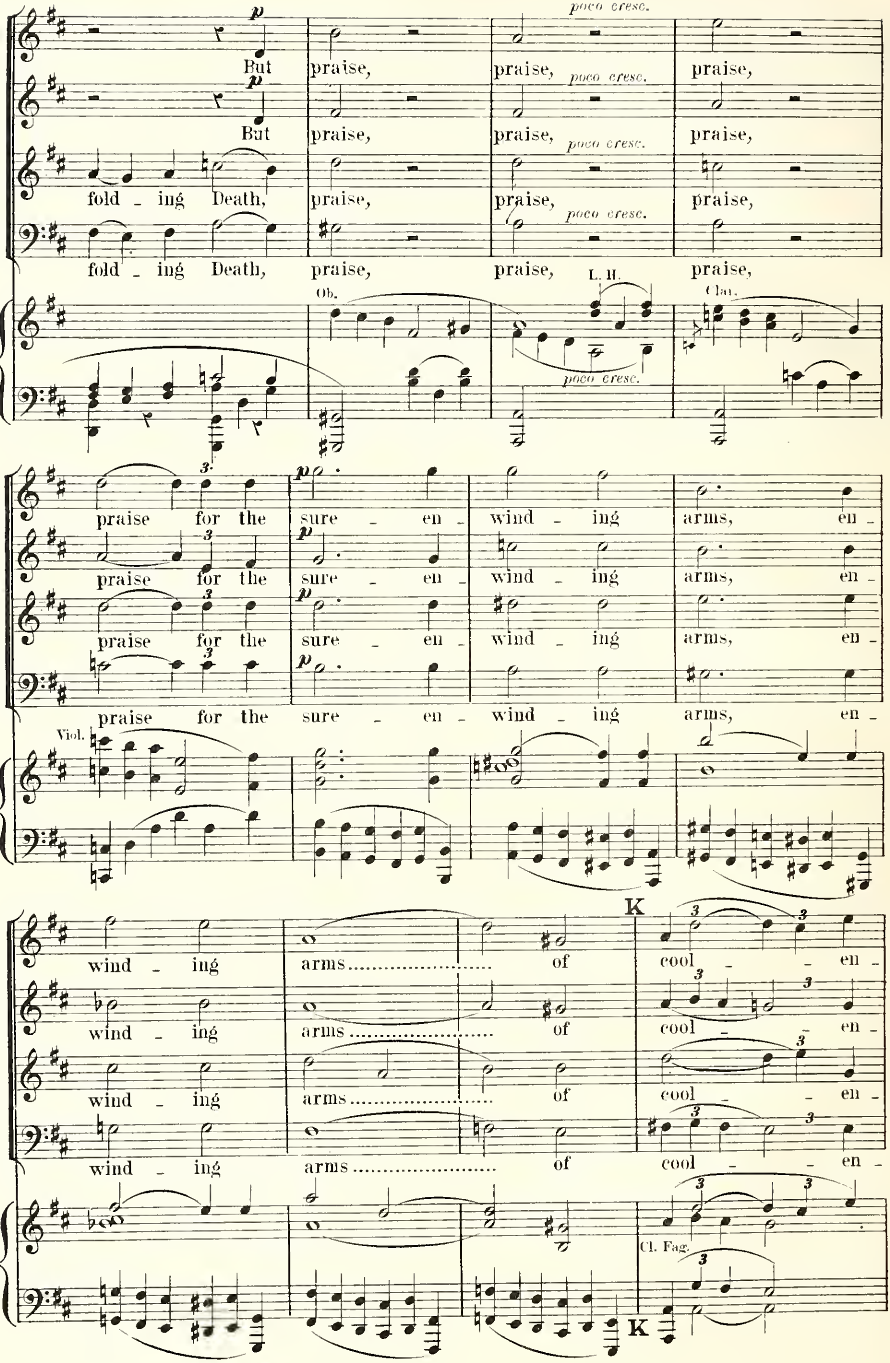

f G
joy, for life, for joy, for love,.......
joy, for life, for joy, for love,.......
joy, for life, for joy, for love,.......
joy, for life, for joy, for love,.......
G
ff
.... praised .... be the fa_thom_less u _ ni _ verse,....
.... praised .... be the fa_thom_less u _ ni _ verse,....
.... praised .... be the fa_thom_less u _ ni _ verse,....
.... praised .... be the fa_thom_less u _ ni _ verse,....
.... praised .... be the fa _ thom_less
.... praised .... be the fa _ thom_less
.... praised .... be the fa _ thom_less
.... praised .... be the fa _ thom_less
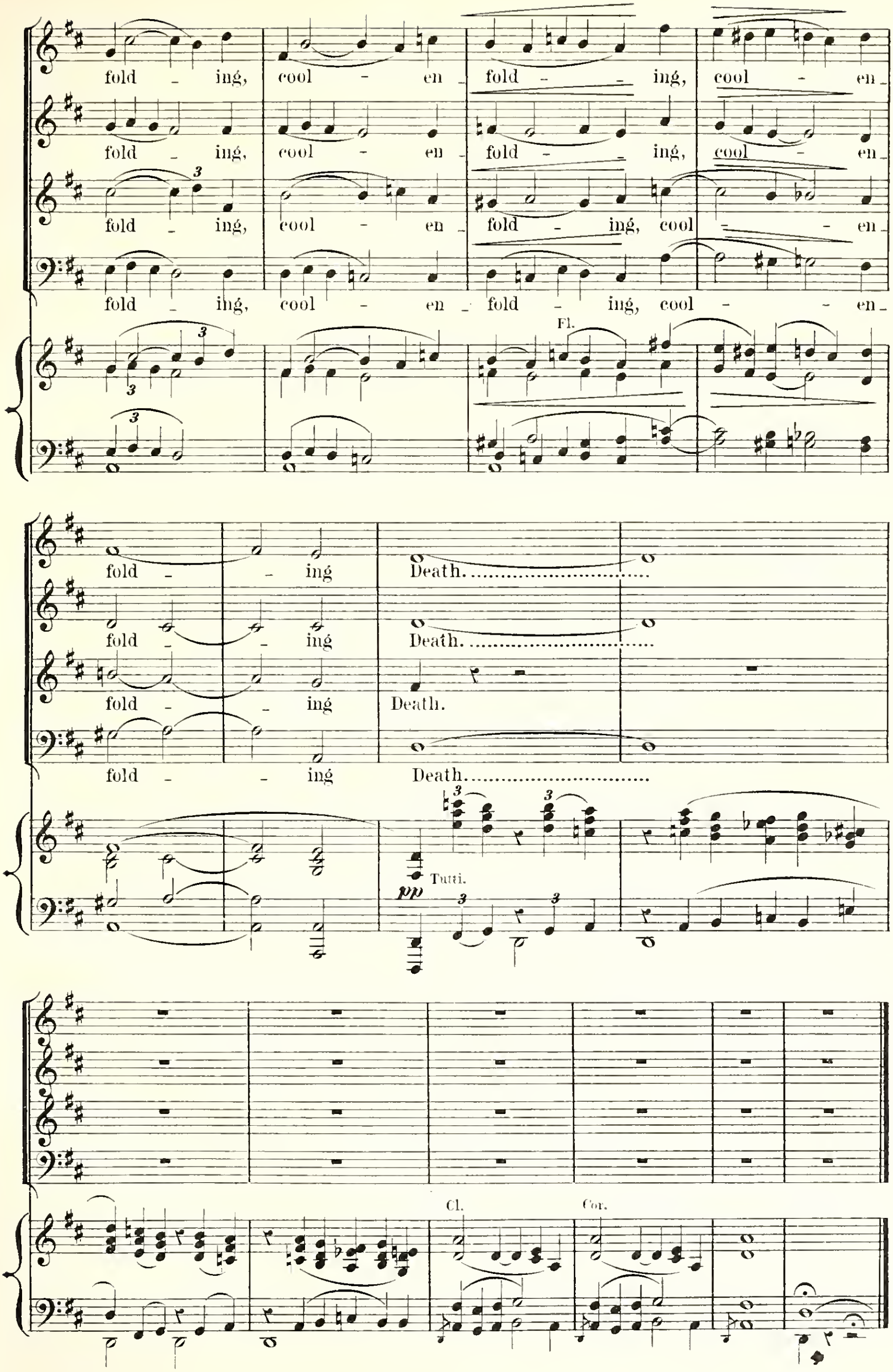

u - ni-verse
u - ni-verse
u - ni-verse for life and joy, for life and
u - ni-verse
for life and joy,
for life and joy,
for life and joy, for ob - jects and know - ledge
for life and joy, for ob - jects and know - ledge
joy, for ob - jects and know - ledge
for ob - jects and know - ledge
cresc.
mar - vel - lous, for life and joy, for
mar - vel - lous, for life and
mar - vel - lous, for
mar - vel - lous, for life and joy,


life and joy, for life and joy,
joy, for life and joy, for
life and joy, for life and joy, for life and
for life and joy, for life and joy, for
for life and joy, for love, sweet
life and joy, for love, sweet
joy, for love, sweet love, sweet
life, for love, sweet love, sweet
H
H
mf
love, for love, for joy for life, for
cresc.
love, for love, for joy for life, for
love, for love, for joy for life, for
love, for love, for joy for life, for
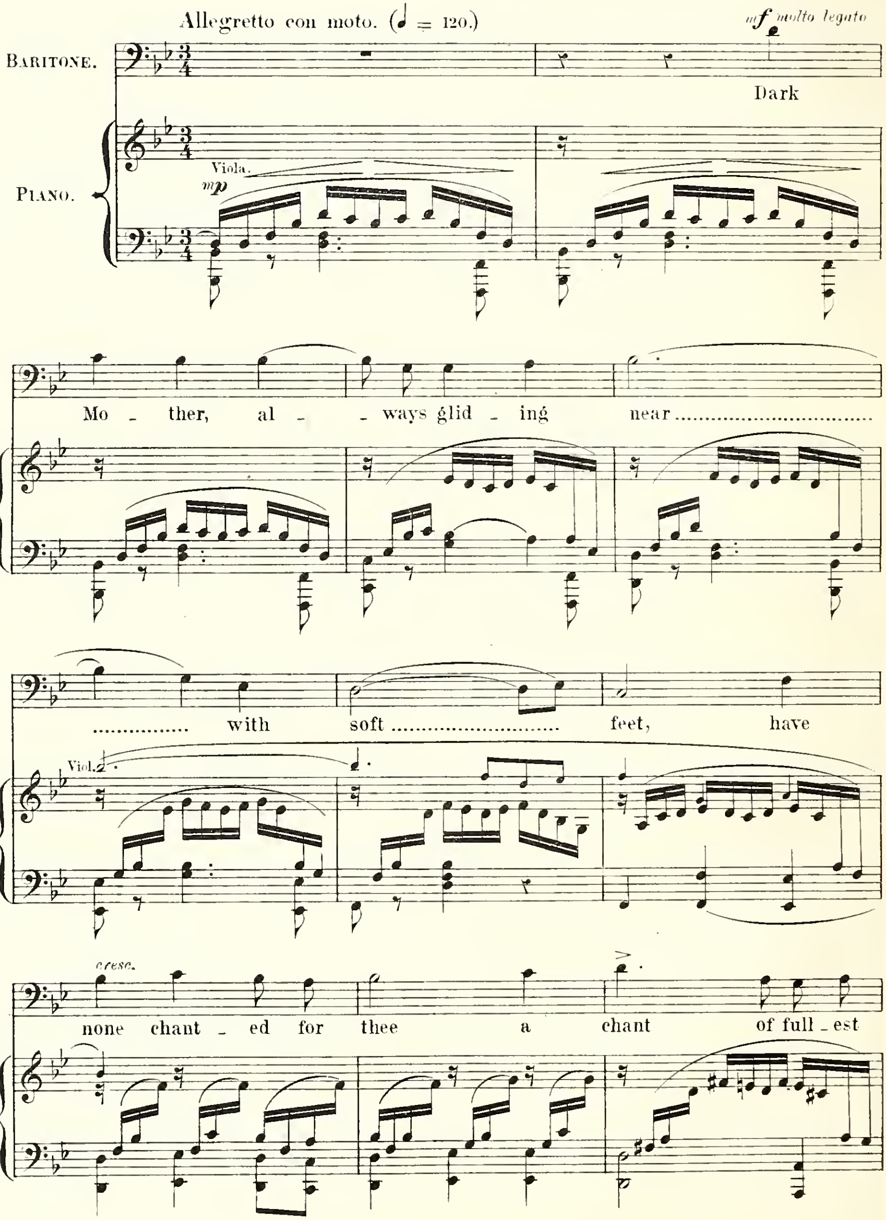

ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
ob - jects and know - ledge mar - vel - lous.
But
But praise,
But praise,
But praise,
cresc.
praise, but praise, praise,
.... but praise, praise,
.... but praise, praise,
.... but praise, praise,
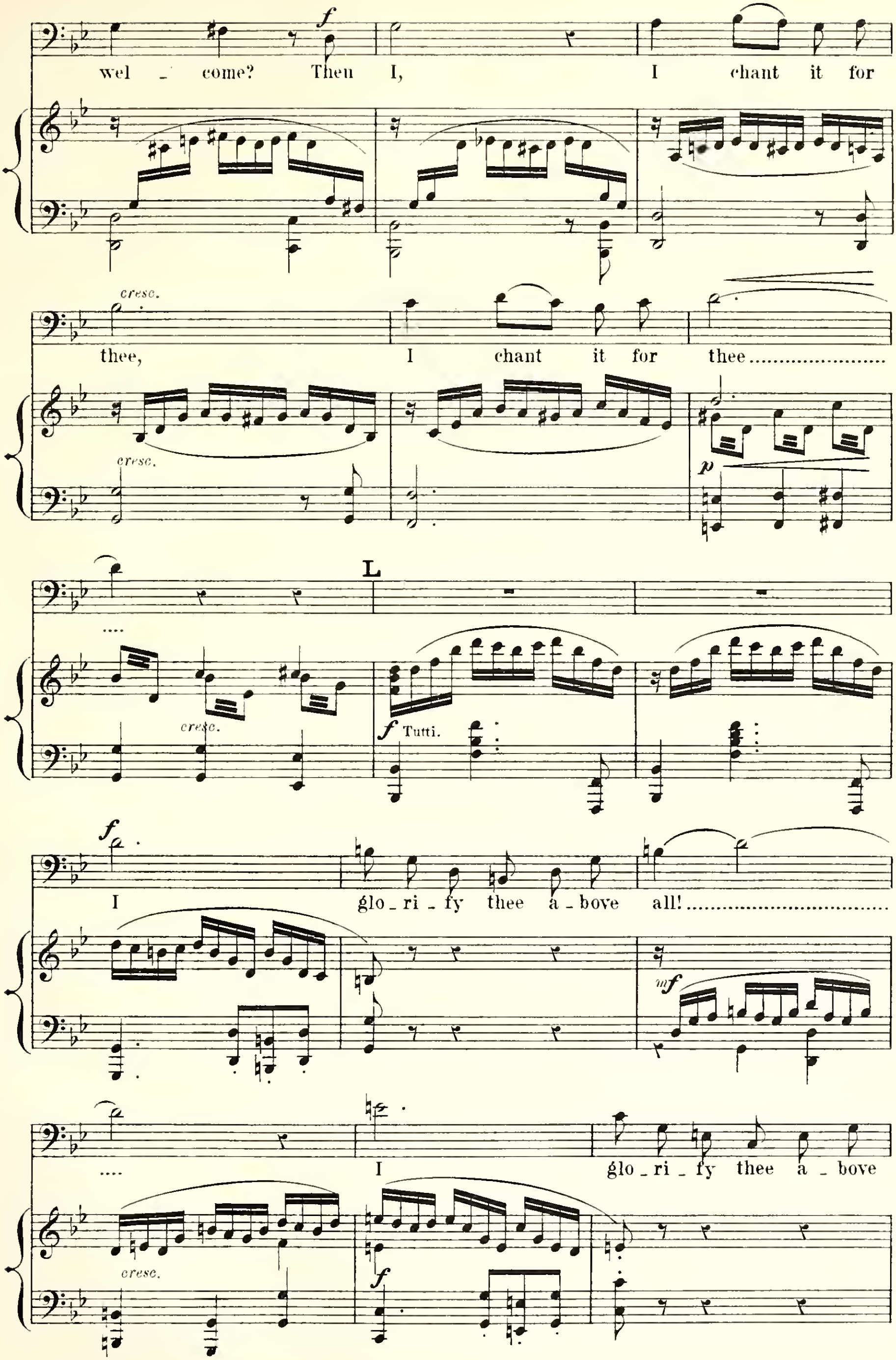

molto rall.
Tempo I° (Lento. 𝅗𝅥 = 56.)
praise............ for the sure - enwind _ ing arms.... of
praise............
praise............
praise............
pp
cool - en _ fold _ ing Death
p
for the sure-enwind _ ing arms...... of
J
cool - en_fold - ing Death
for the sure - en_wind _ ing arms......... of cool - en_
Colli.
mf
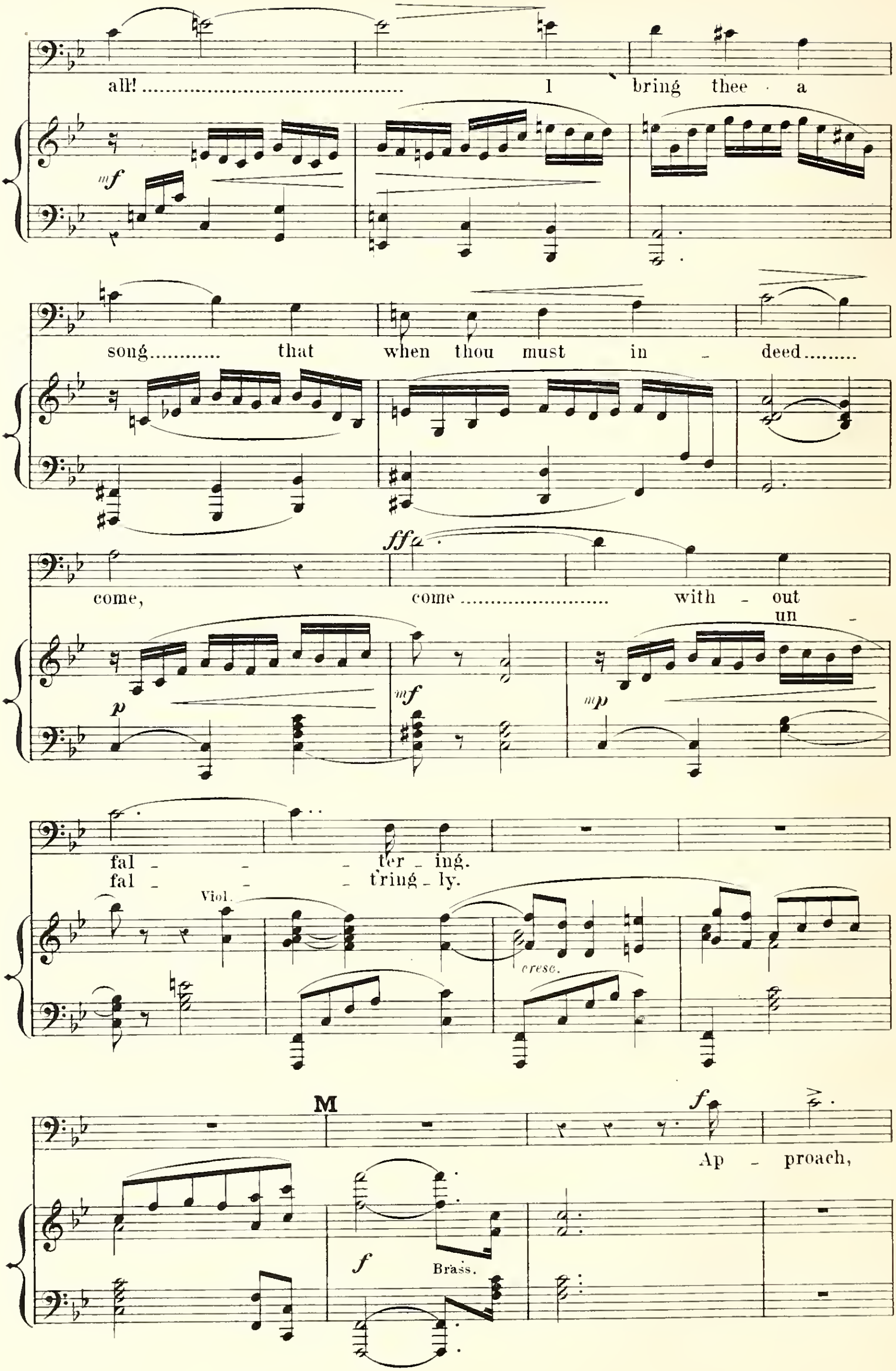

p
But praise, praise, praise,
poco cresc.
fold - ing Death, praise, praise, praise,
Ob.
L. H.
Clar.
poco cresc.
praise for the sure - en - wind - ing arms, en -
Viol.
wind - ing arms........................ of cool - en -
K
Cl. Fag.
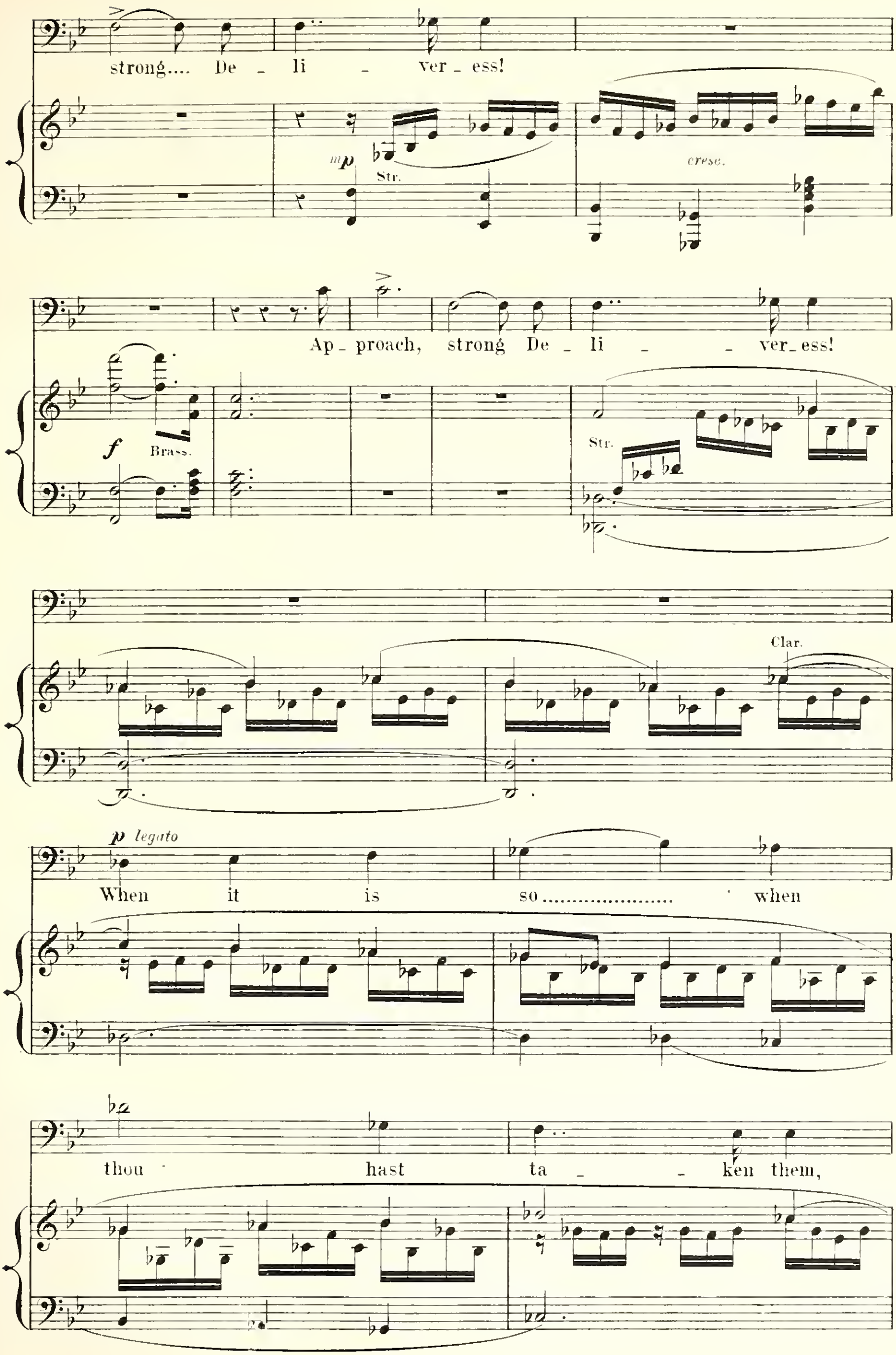

fold - ing, cool - en - fold - ing, cool - en -
Fl.
fold - ing Death.
Tutti.
pp
Cl.
Cor.
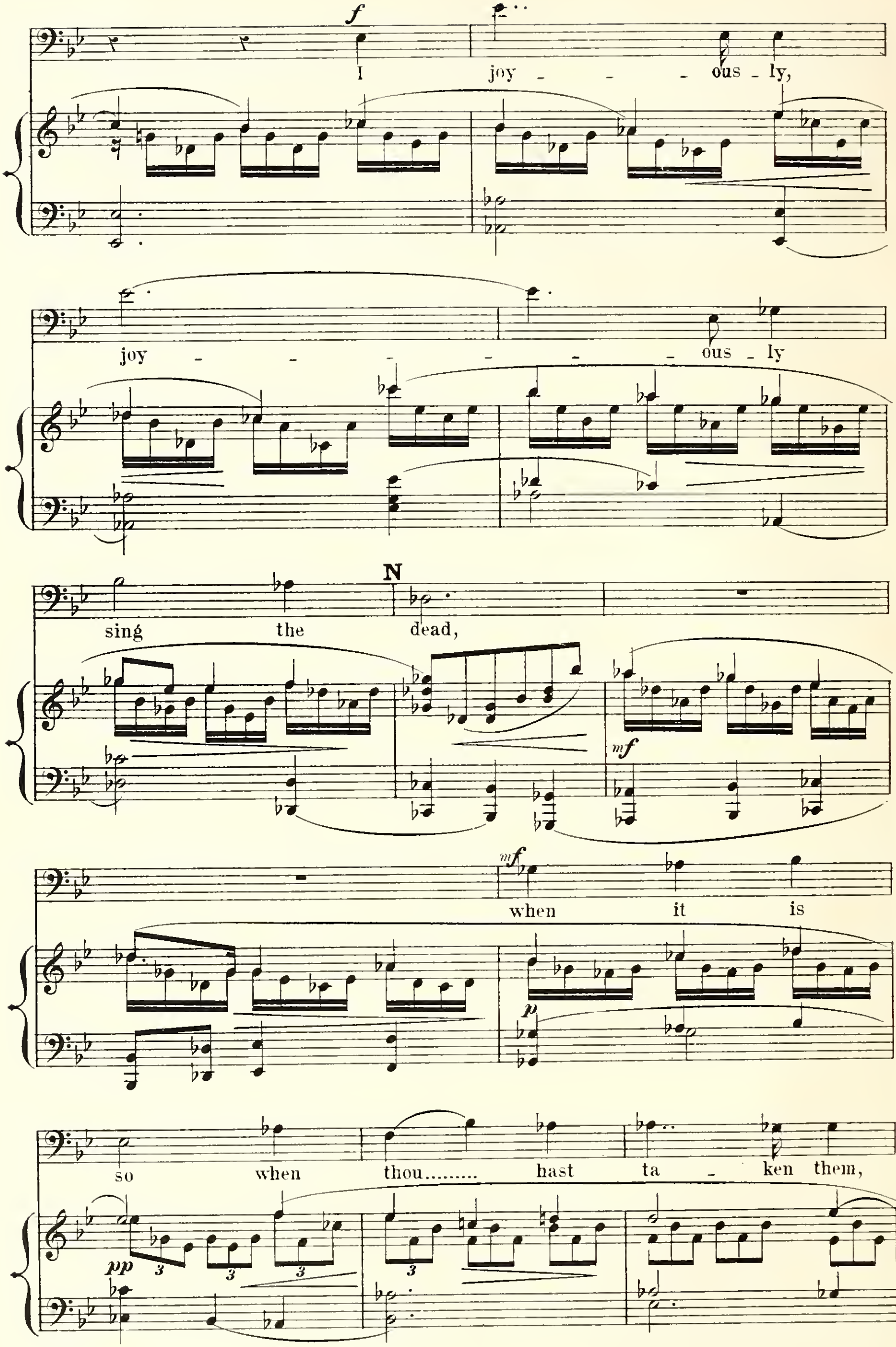
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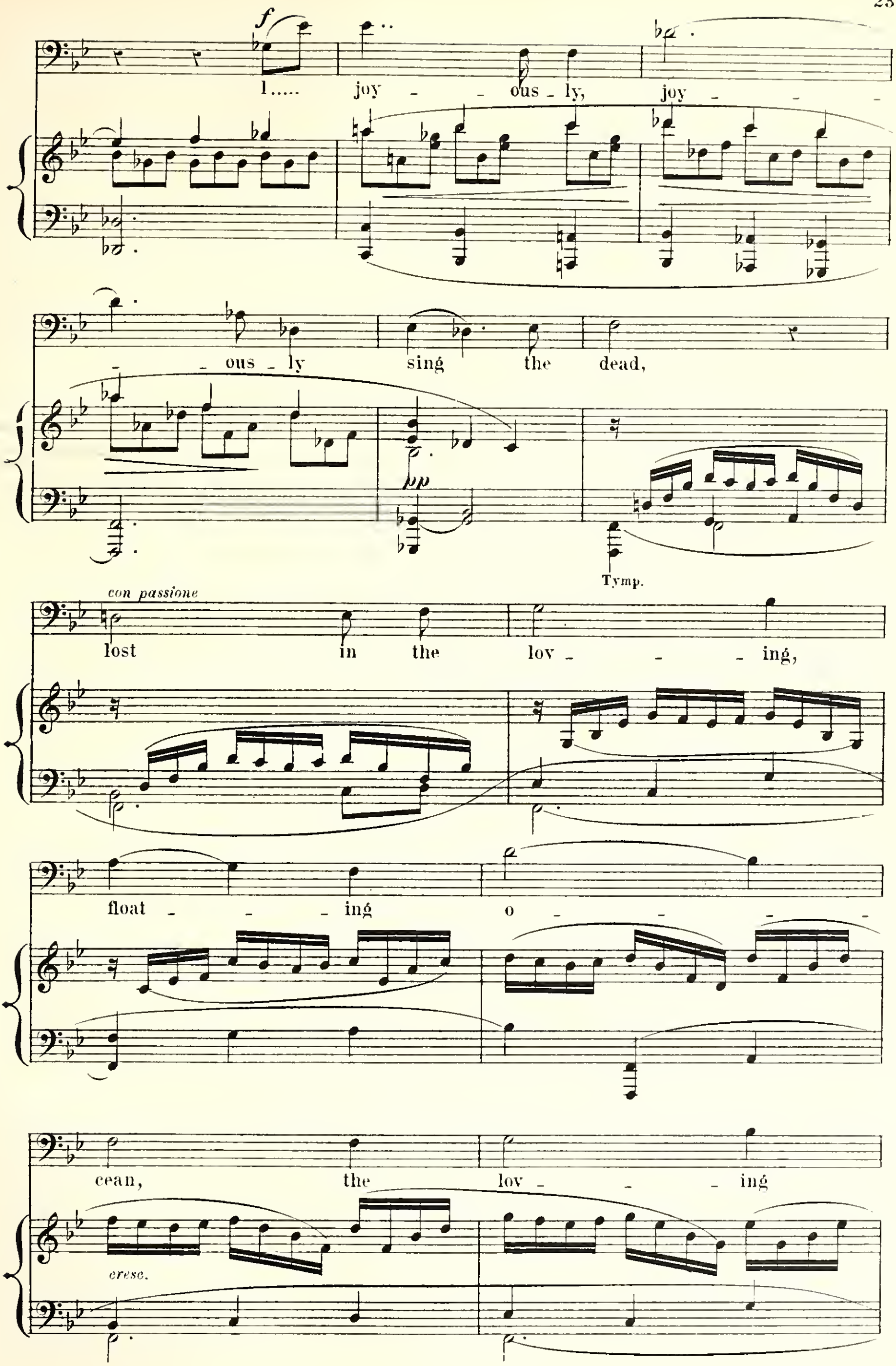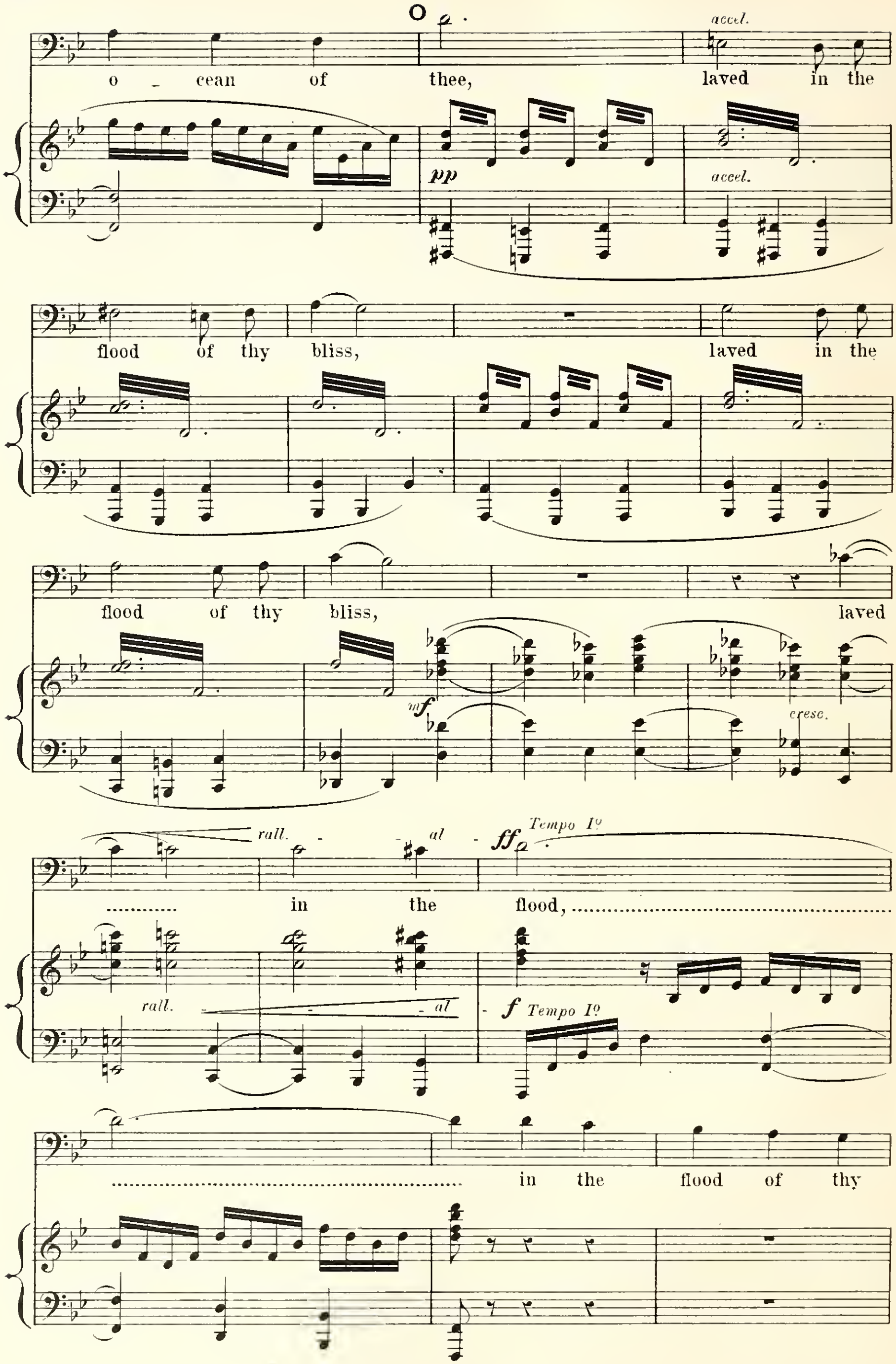



wel - come? Then I, I chant it for
cresc.
thee, I chant it for thee.......................
cresc.
p
L
cresc.
Tutti.
I glo - ri - fy thee a - bove all!.................................
mf
.... I glo - ri - fy thee a - bove
cresc.
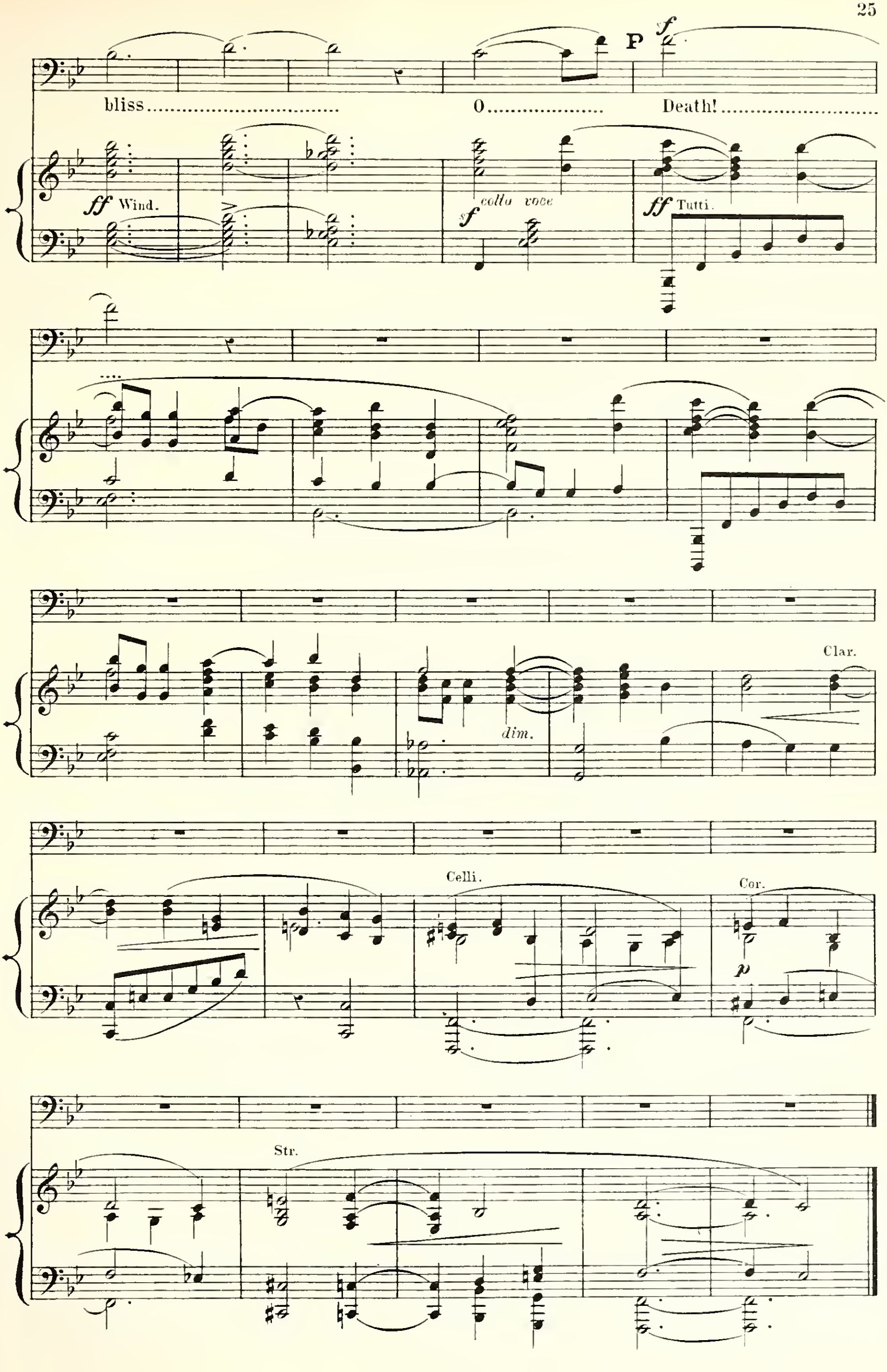

all! .... I bring thee a
song............ that when thou must in - deed.........
come, come .... with - out
un -
fal - - - ter - ing.
fal - - - tring - ly.
Viol.
cresc.
M
Brass.
Ap - proach,


strong.... De - li - ver - ess!
mp
Str.
cresc.
f
Brass.
Ap - proach, strong De - li - - ver - ess!
Str.
Clar.
p legato
When it is so.................... when
thou hast ta - - ken them,
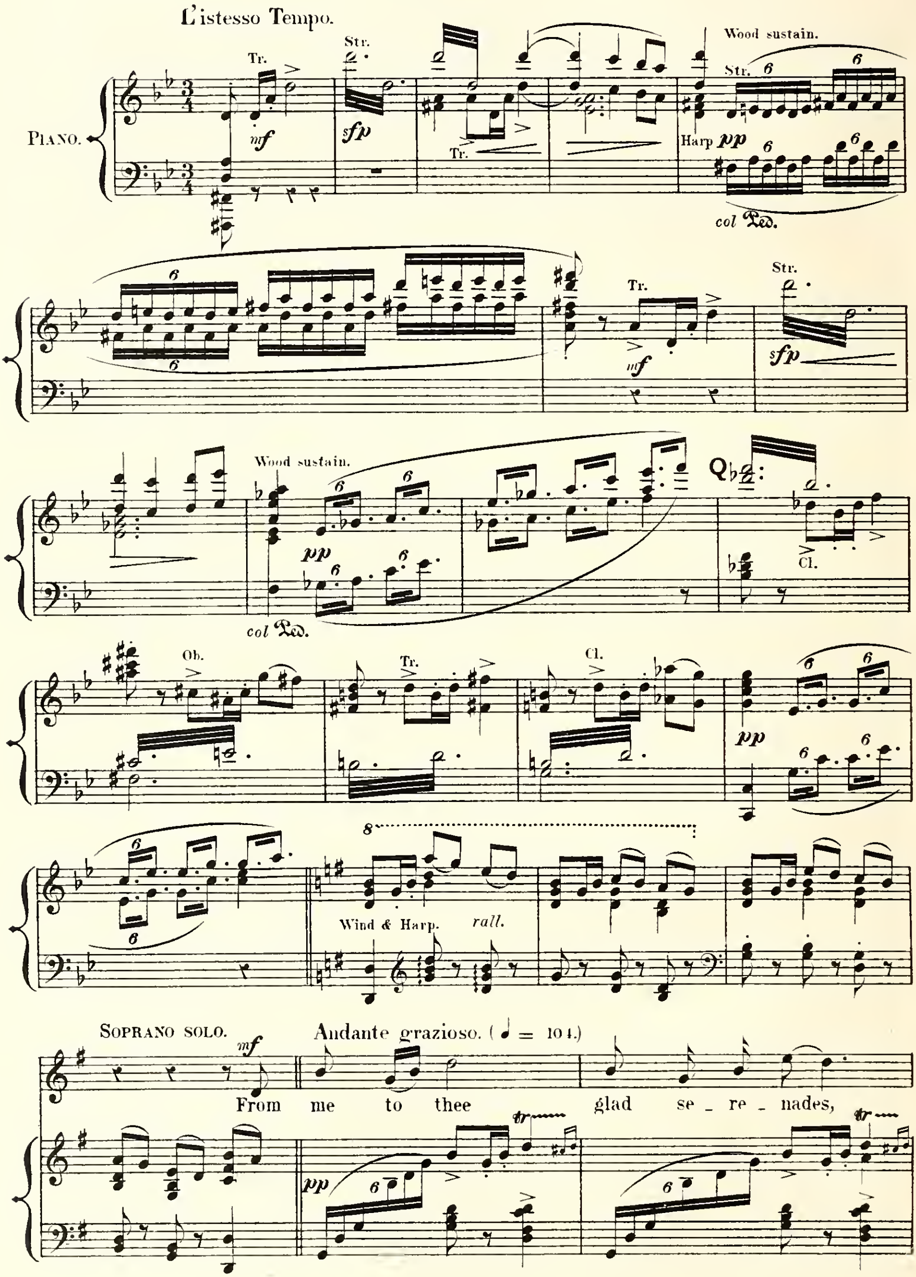

f
I joy - - - ous - ly,
joy - - - - - - ous - ly
sing the dead,
N
mf
mf
when it is
p
so when thou......... hast ta - ken them,
pp
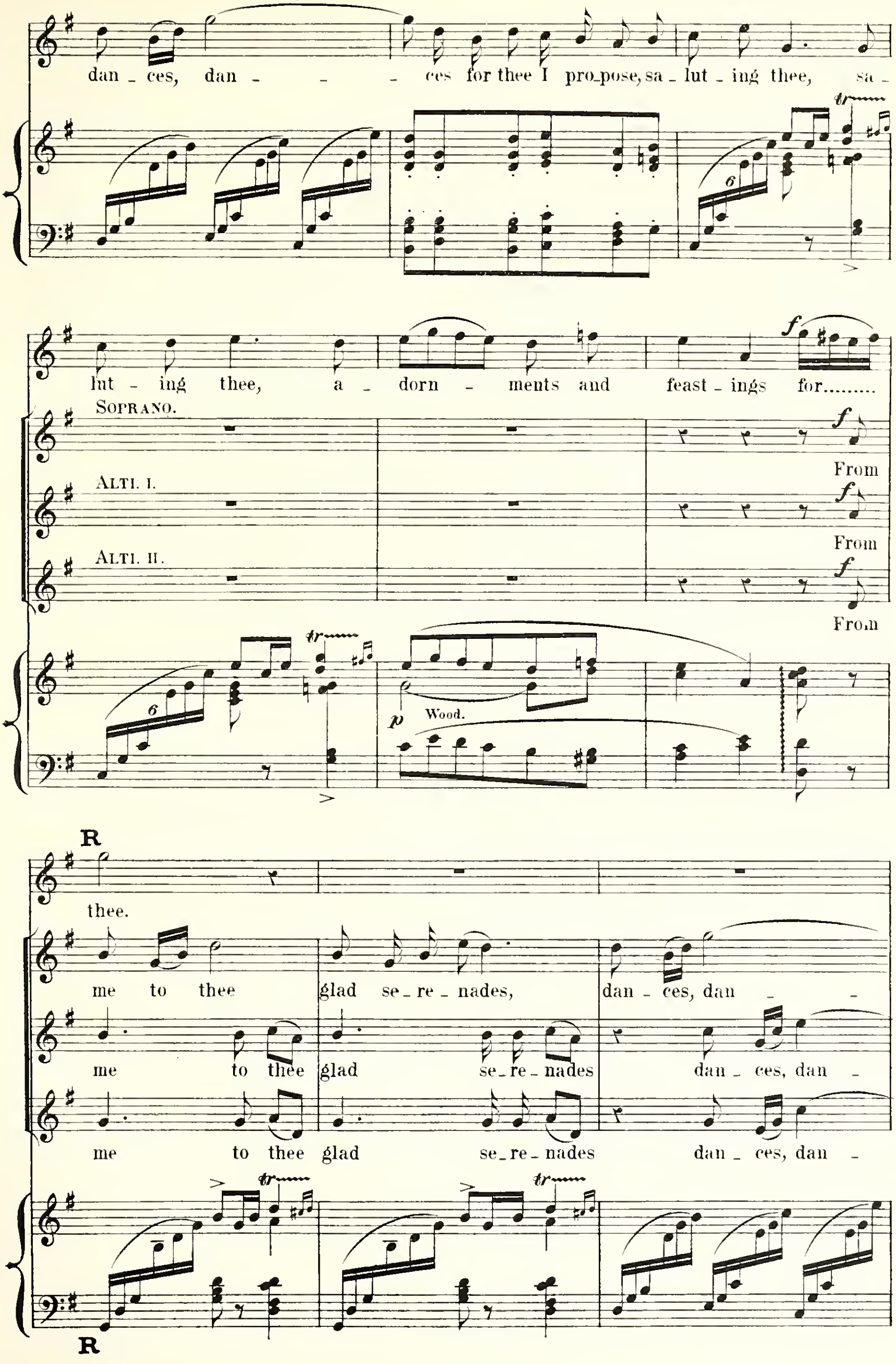

I..... joy - - ous - ly, joy - - -
- - ous - ly sing the dead,
Tymp.
con passione
lost in the lov - - - ing,
float - - - ing o - - - - -
cean, the lov - - - ing
cresc.
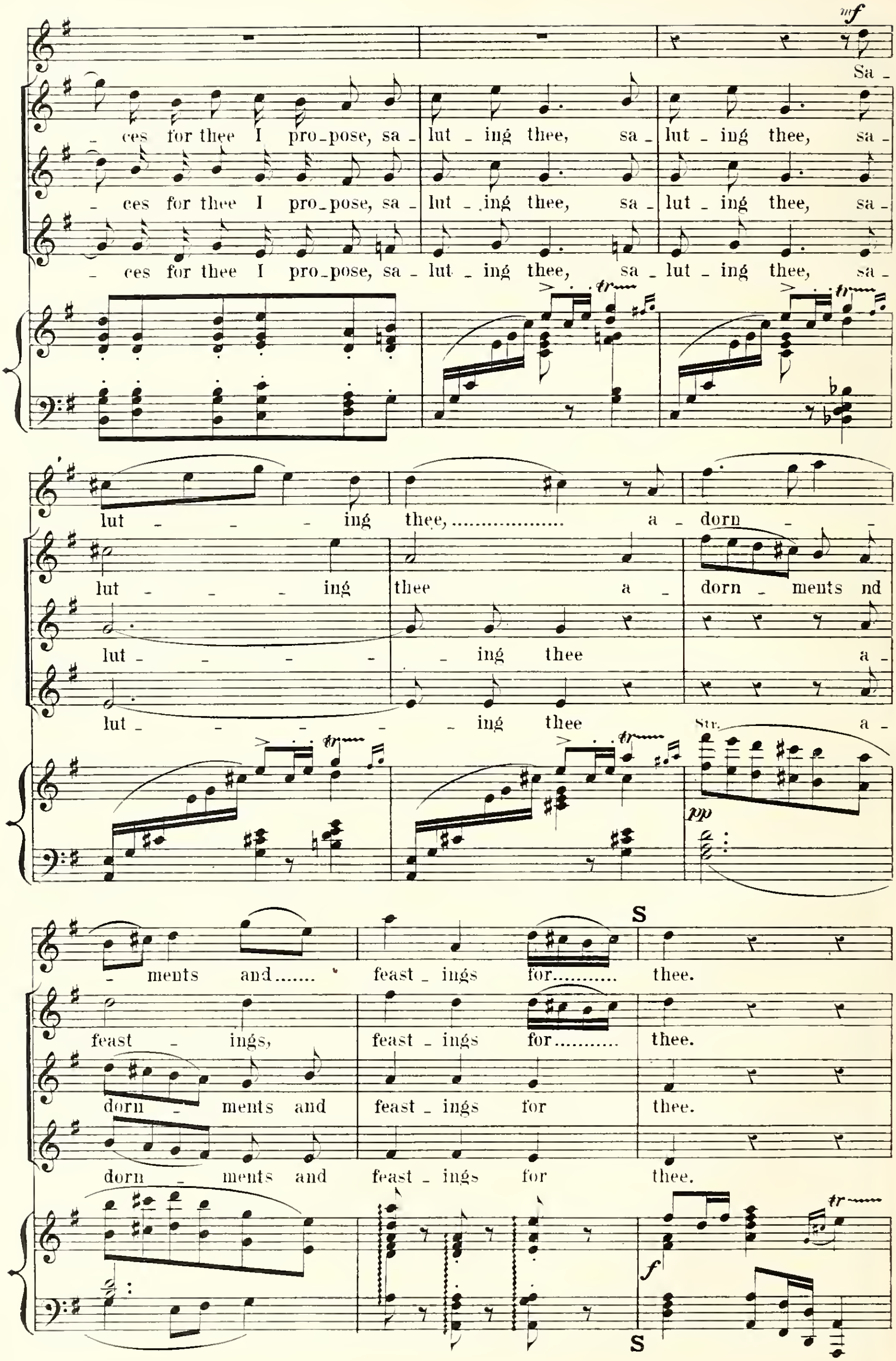

O
accel.
o - cean of thee, laved in the
pp
accel.
flood of thy bliss, laved in the
flood of thy bliss, laved
mf
cresc.
rall. - - al - ff Tempo I°
.... in the flood, ...
rall. - - al - f Tempo I°
.... in the flood of thy
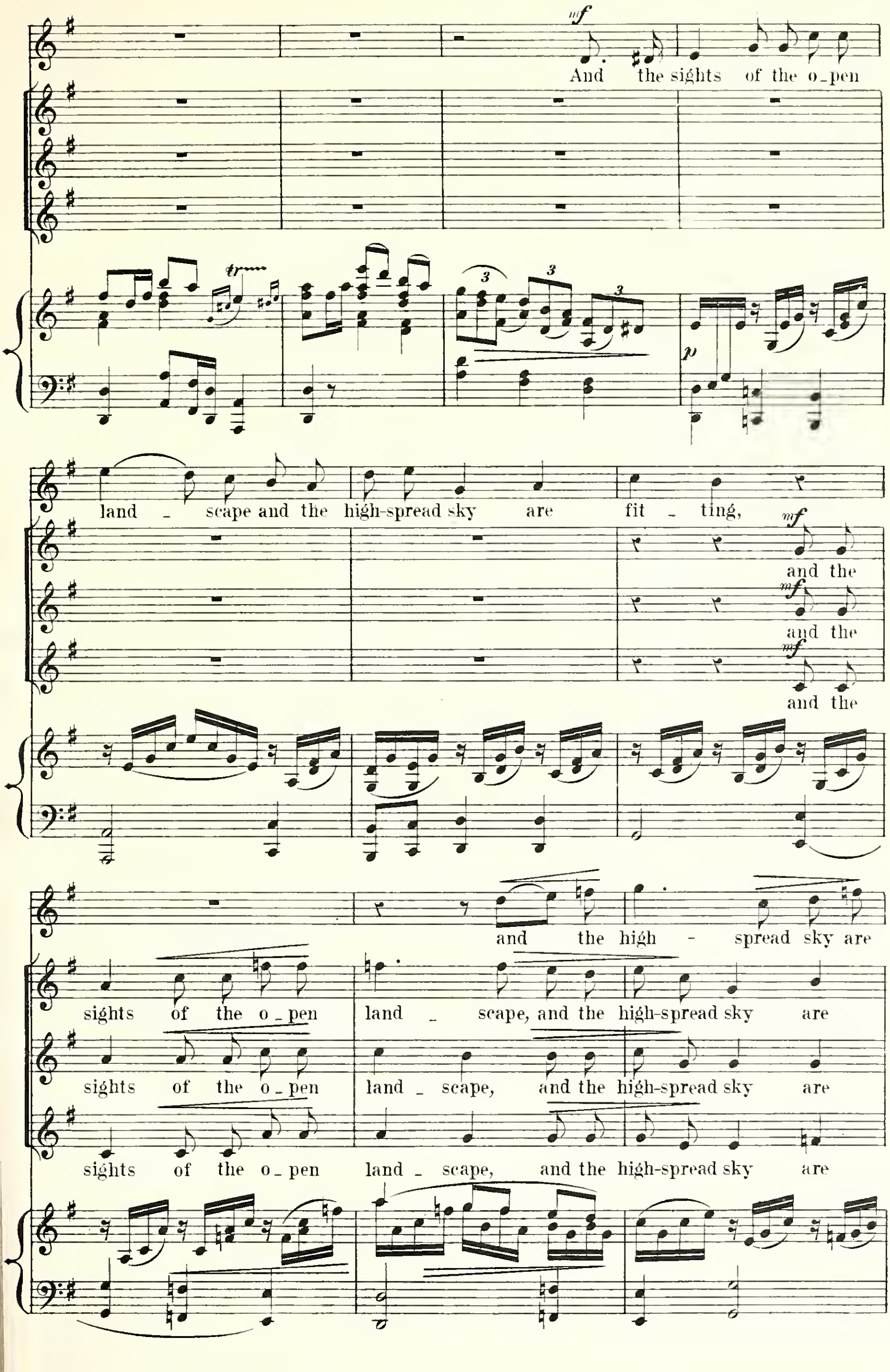

f
P
bliss..............................
O.................
Death!..........................
ff Wind.
f collo voce
ff Tutti.
dim.
Clar.
Celli.
Cor.
p
Str.

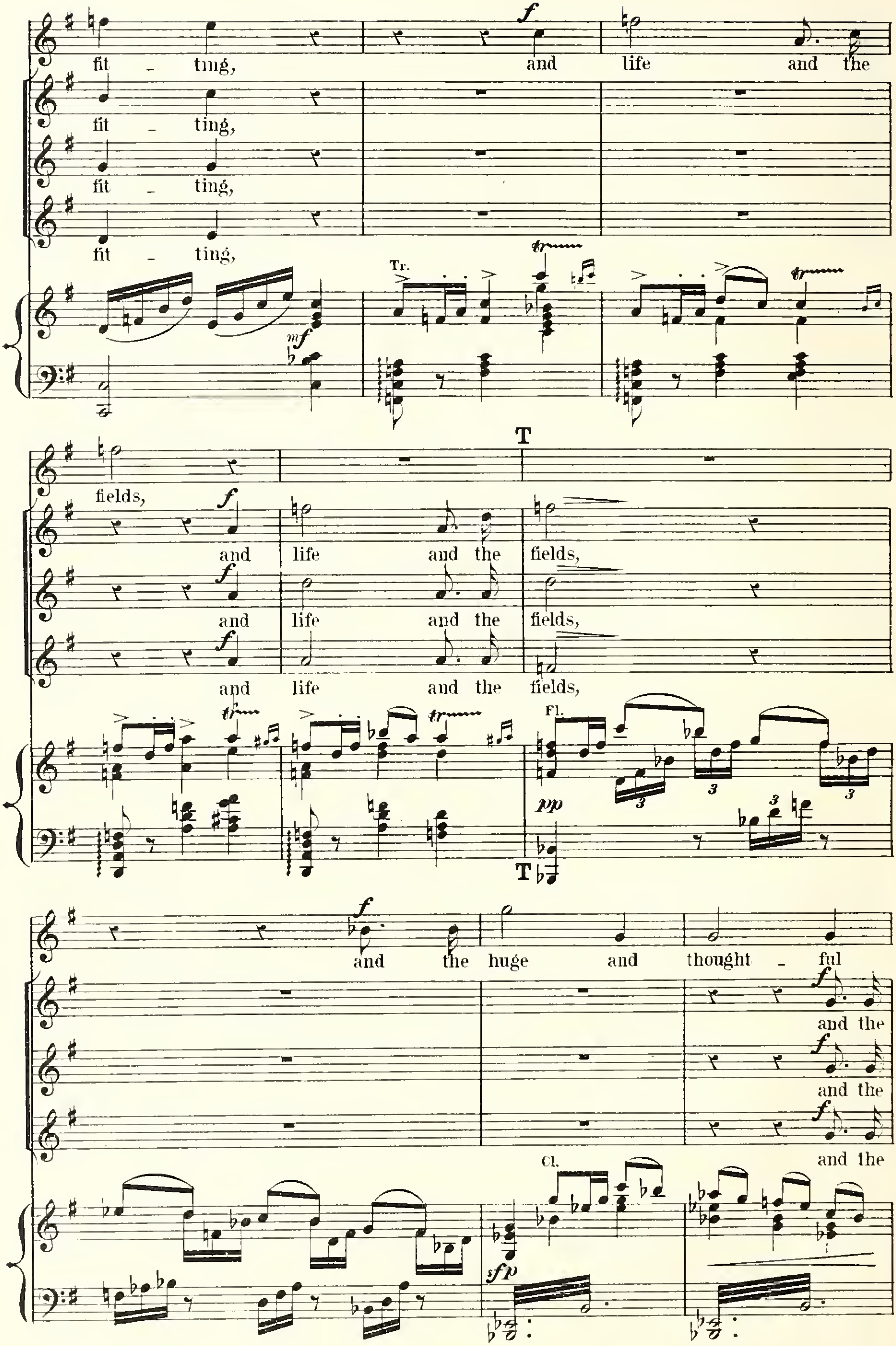
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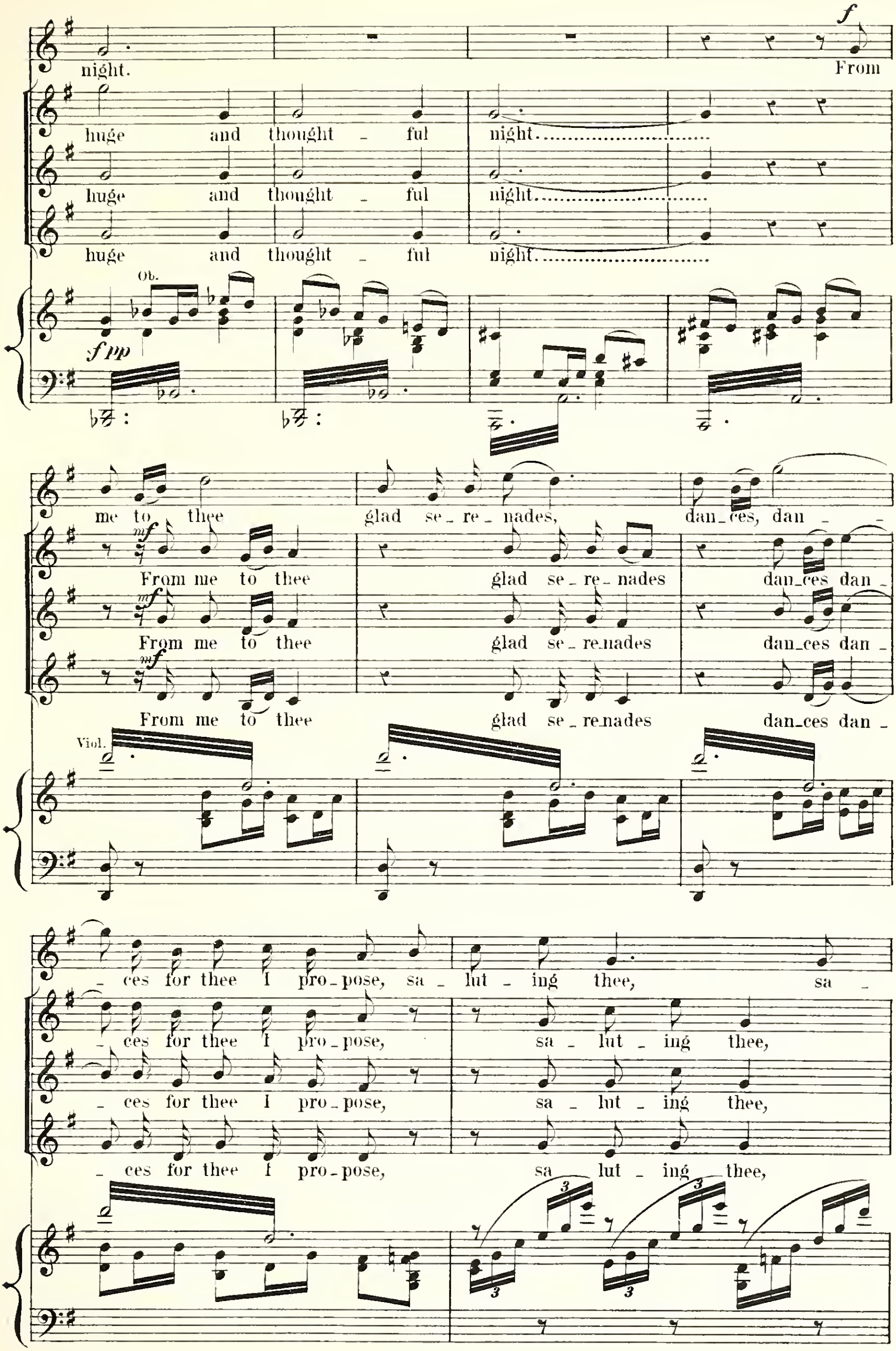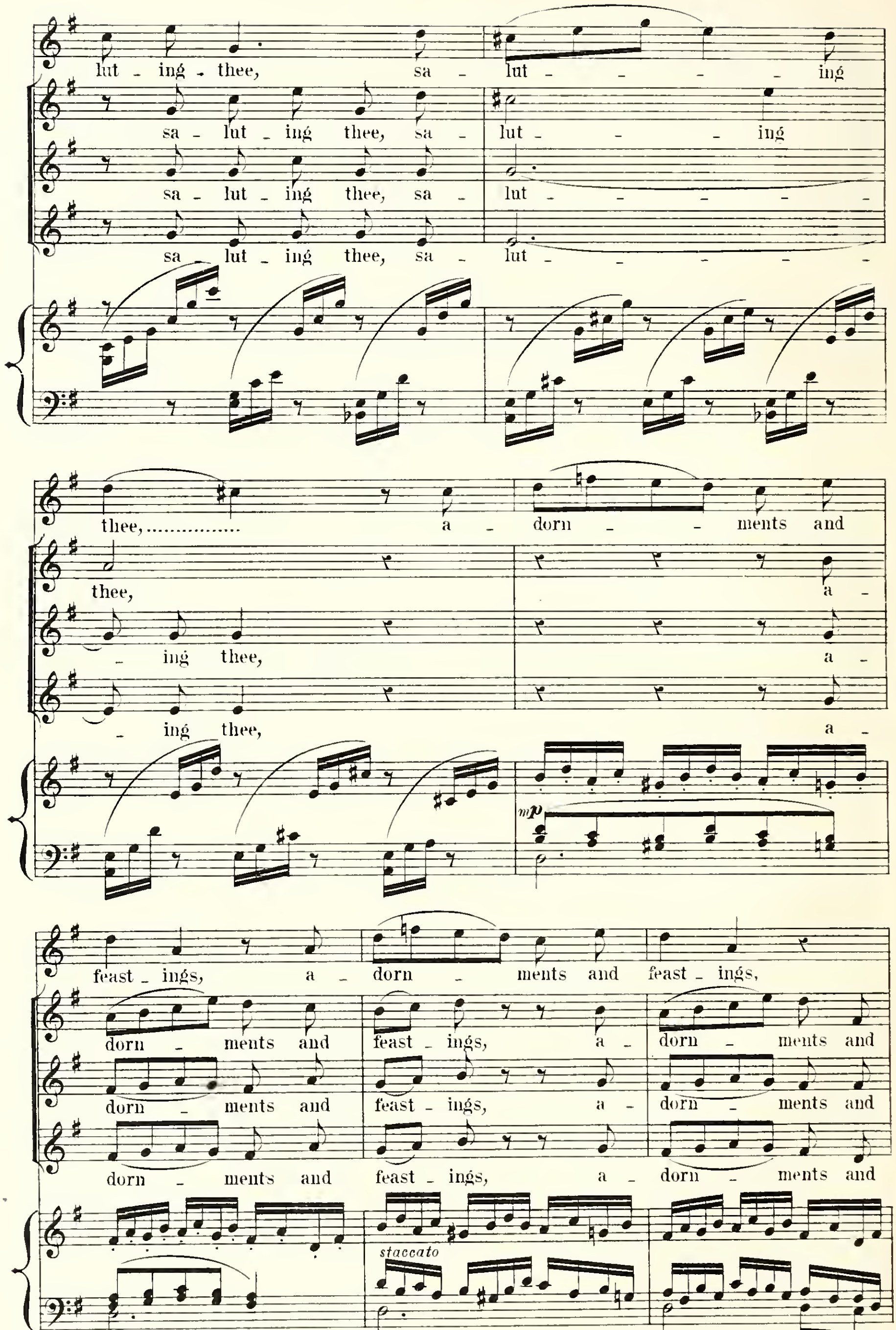



dan - ces, dan - - - ces for thee I pro-pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
tr
6
lut - ing thee, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for.........
SOPRANO.
f
From
ALTI. I.
f
From
ALTI. II.
f
From
tr
6
p
Wood.
R
thee.
me to thee glad se - re - nades, dan - ces, dan - -
me to thee glad se - re - nades dan - ces, dan -
me to thee glad se - re - nades dan - ces, dan -
tr
tr
R
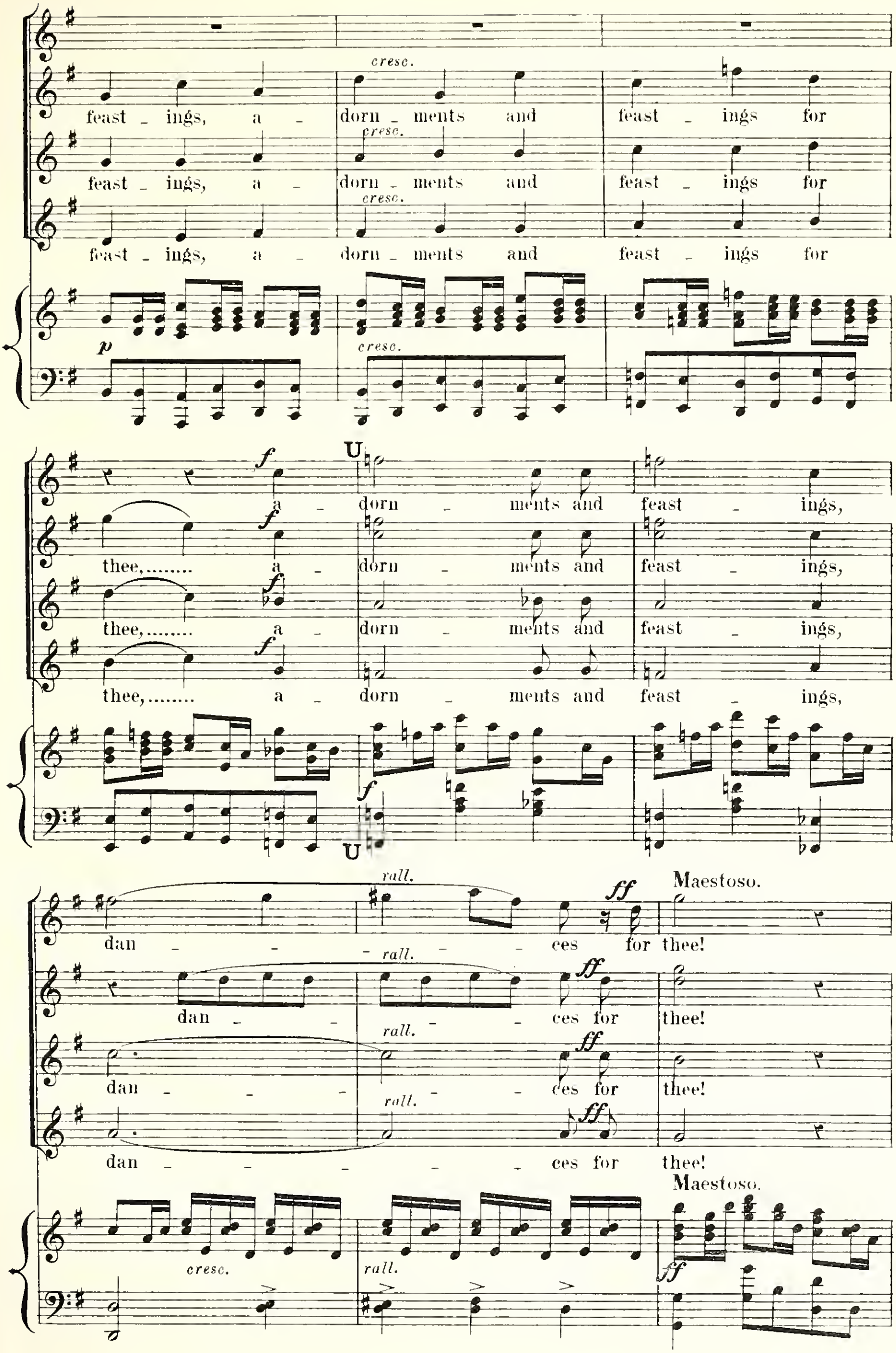

mf
Sa -
- ces for thee I pro - pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
- ces for thee I pro - pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
- ces for thee I pro - pose, sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - ing thee, sa -
lut - - - ing thee,.................. a - dorn - -
lut - - - ing thee a - dorn - ments nd
lut - - - - - ing thee a -
lut - - - - - - ing thee a -
Str.
pp
- ments and....... feast - ings for........... thee.
feast - ings, feast - ings for.......... thee.
dorn - ments and feast - ings for thee.
dorn - ments and feast - ings for thee.
S
f
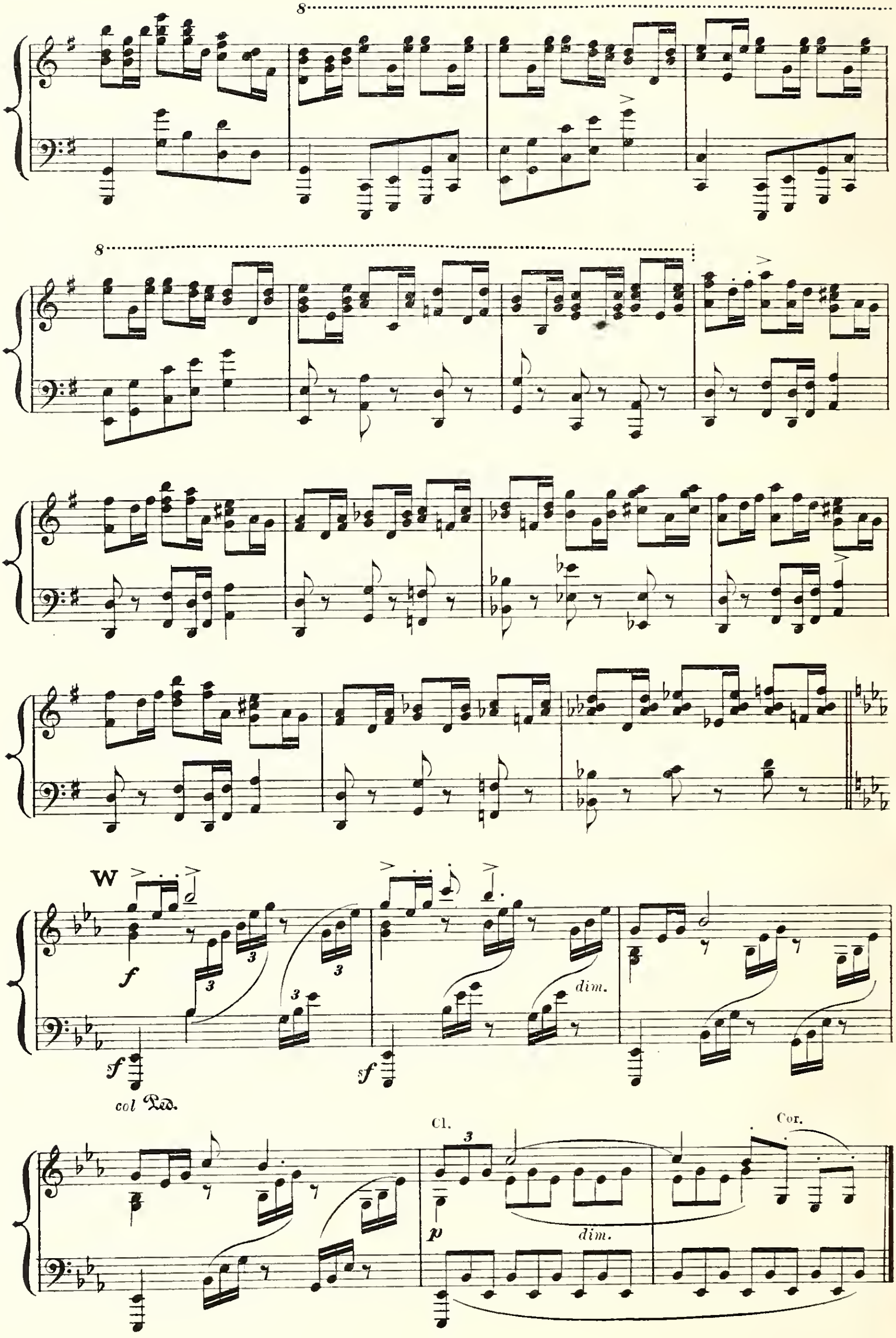

mf
And the sights of the o-pen
land - scape and the high-spread sky are fit - ting,
mf
and the
mf
and the
mf
and the
and the high - spread sky are
sights of the o-pen land - scape, and the high-spread sky are
sights of the o-pen land - scape, and the high-spread sky are
sights of the o-pen land - scape, and the high-spread sky are


fit - ting, and life and the
fit - ting,
fit - ting,
fit - ting,
Tr.
fields,
and life and the fields,
and life and the fields,
and life and the fields,
T
Fl.
and the huge and thought - ful
and the
and the
and the
Cl.
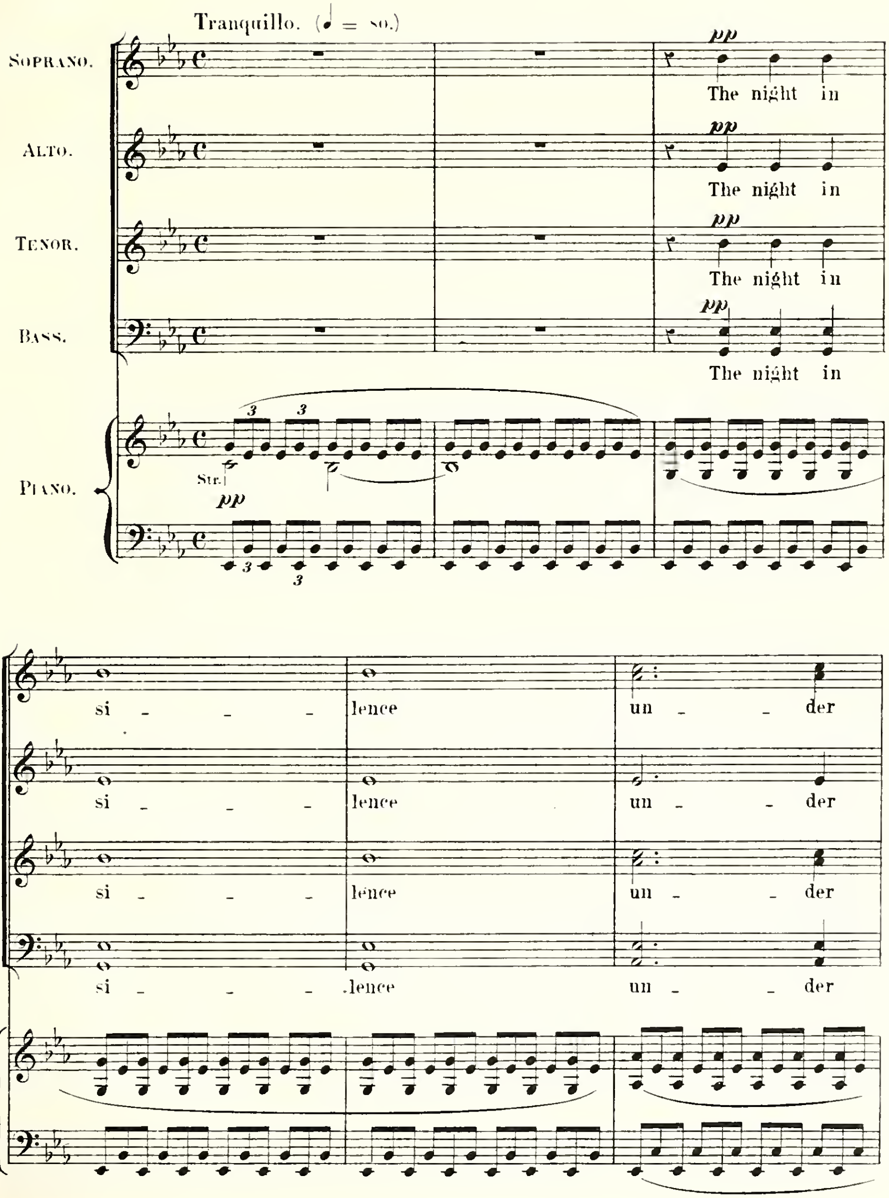

night.
From
huge and thoughtful night.
huge and thoughtful night.
huge and thoughtful night.
Ob.
fpp
me to thee glad se_re_nades, dan_ces, dan_
From me to thee glad se_re_nades dan_ces dan_
From me to thee glad se_re_nades dan_ces dan_
From me to thee glad se_re_nades dan_ces dan_
Viol.
_ces for thee I pro_pose, sa_lut_ing thee, sa_
_ces for thee I pro_pose, sa_lut_ing thee,
_ces for thee I pro_pose, sa_lut_ing thee,
_ces for thee I pro_pose, sa_lut_ing thee,
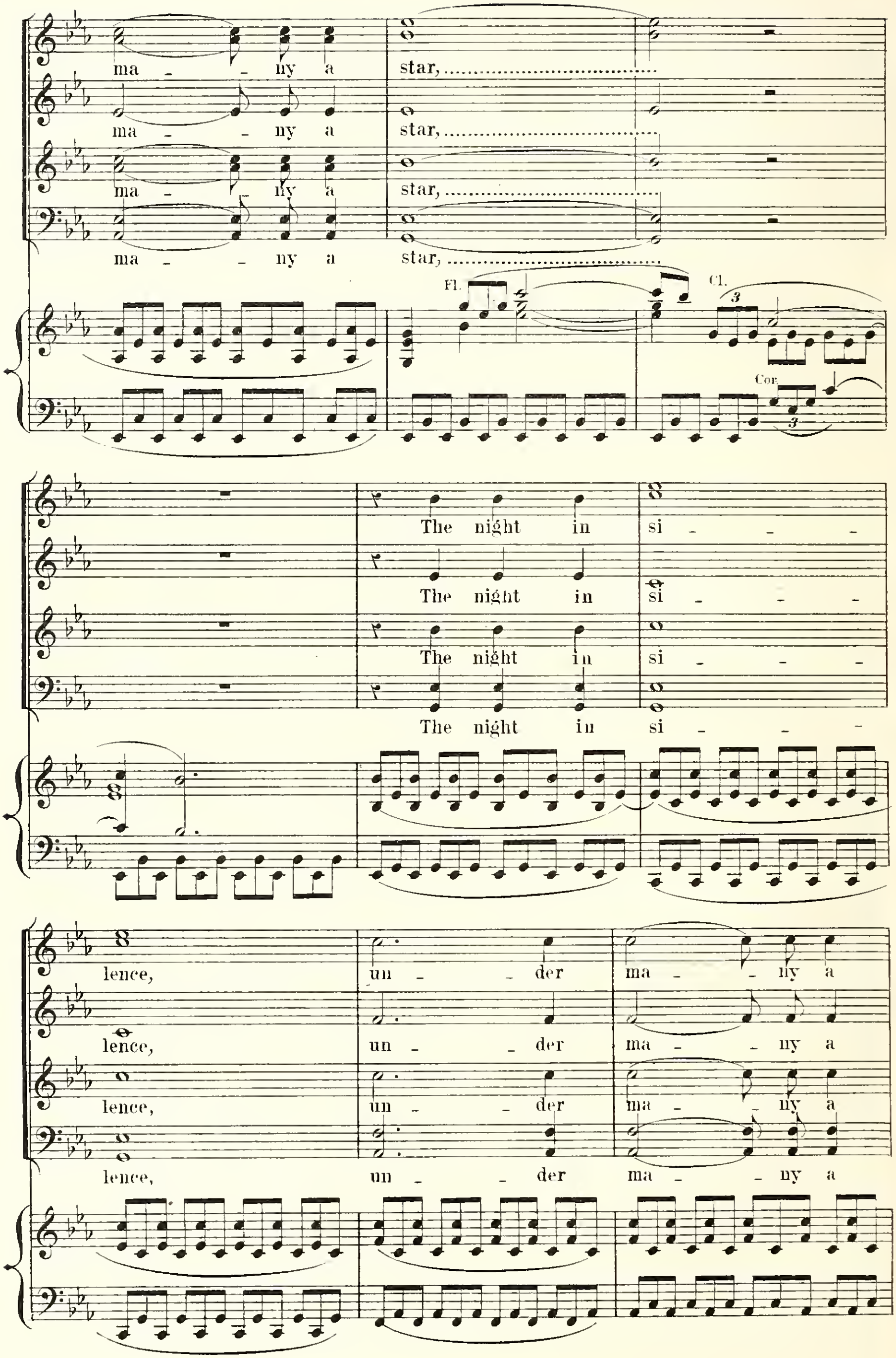

lut - ing - thee, sa - lut - - - - ing
sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - - - ing
sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - - - - - -
sa - lut - ing thee, sa - lut - - - - - -
thee, ... a - dorn - - ments and
thee, a -
- ing thee, a -
- ing thee, a -
mp
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
dorn - ments and feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and
dorn - ments and feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and
dorn - ments and feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and
staccato
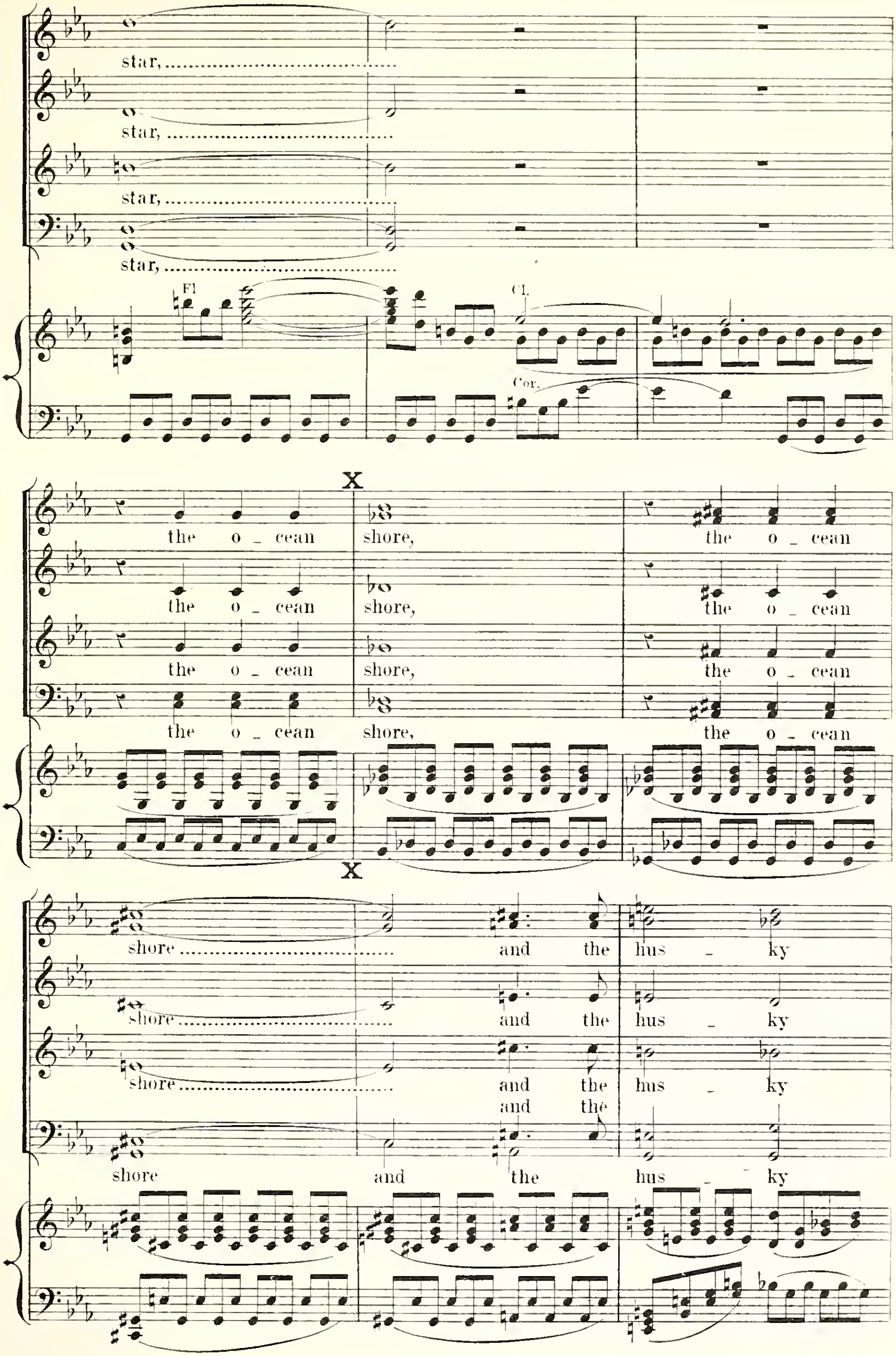

cresc.
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for
feast - ings, a - dorn - ments and feast - ings for
p
cresc.
U
a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
thee,........ a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
thee,........ a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
thee,........ a - dorn - ments and feast - ings,
rall.
Maestoso.
dan - ces for thee!
dan - ces for thee!
dan - ces for thee!
dan - ces for thee!
cresc.
rall.
Maestoso.
ff
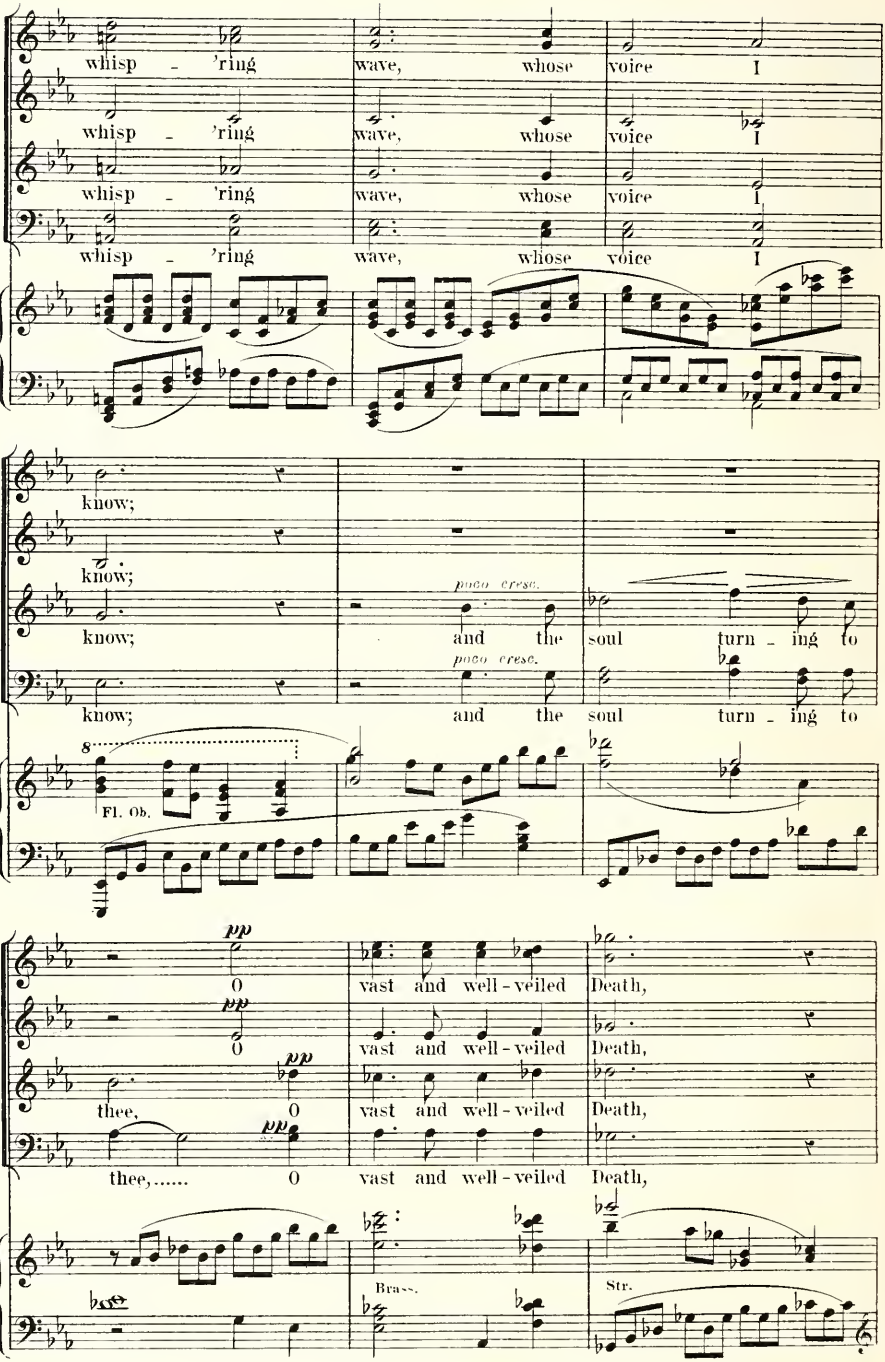

8
8
W
f
sf
col Ped.
3
3
3
sf
dim.
Cl.
3
p
dim.
Cor.
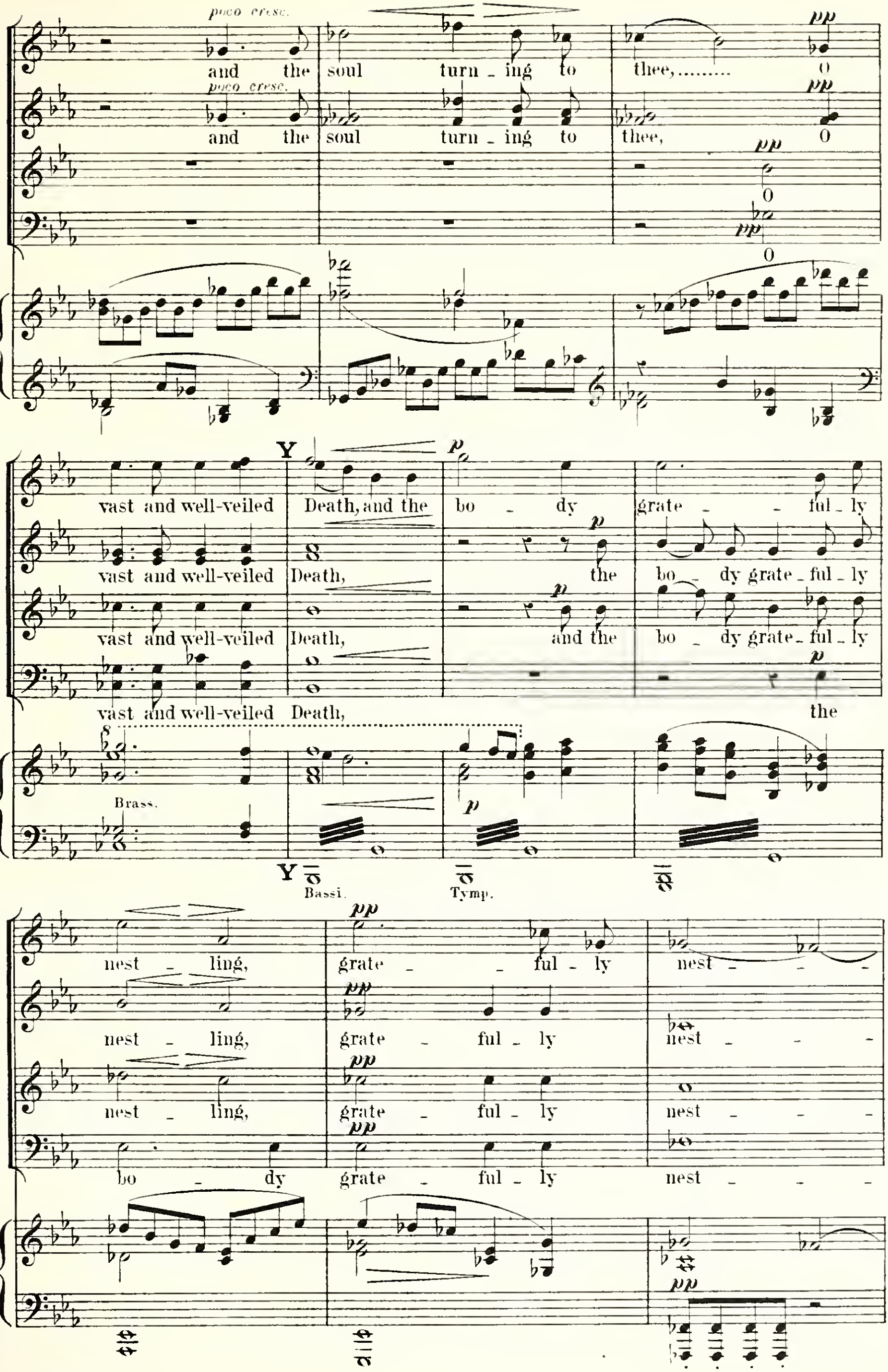
Nº IV. CHORUS.
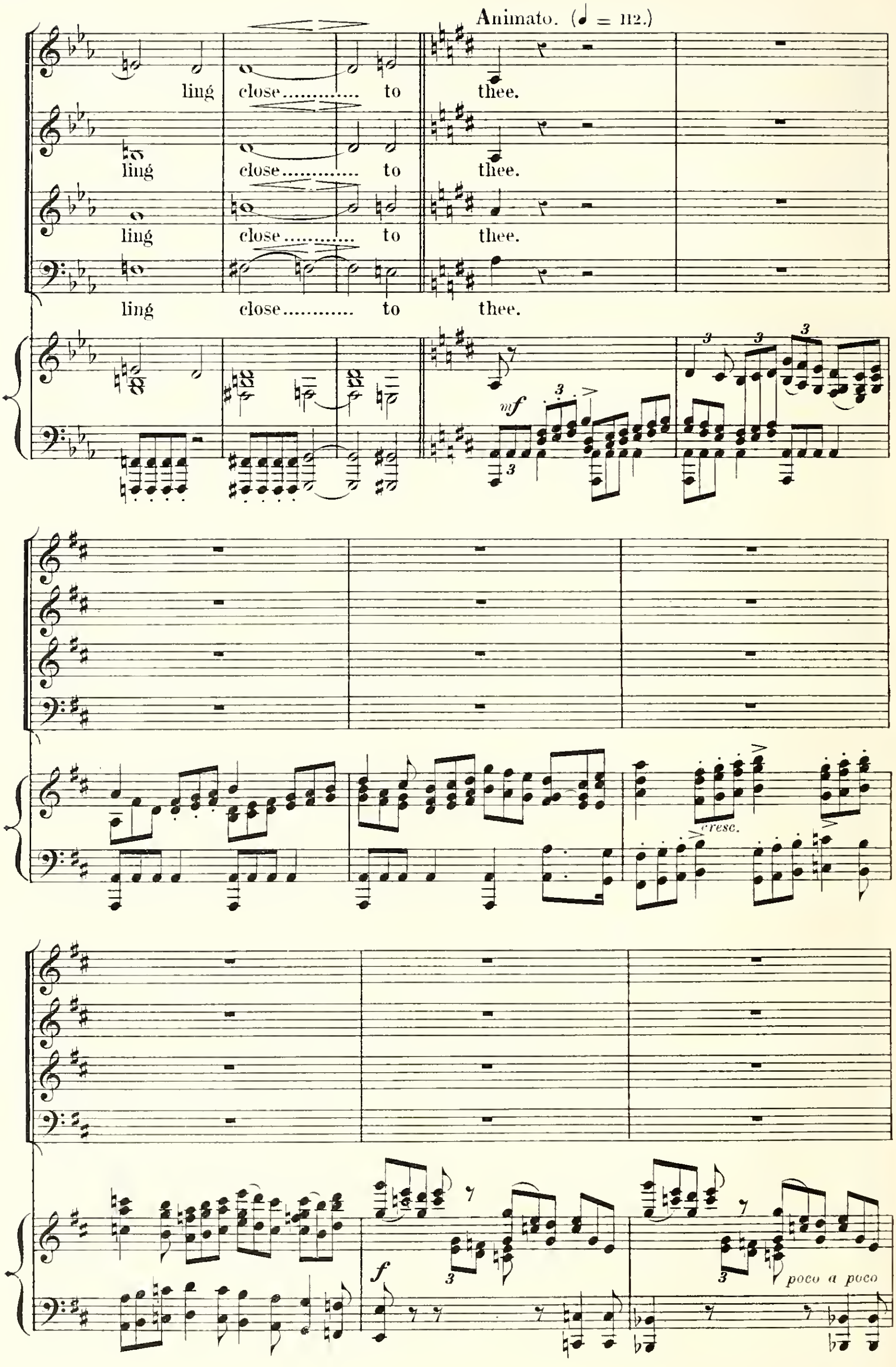

Tranquillo. (♩ = 80.)
SOPRANO.
ALTO.
TENOR.
BASS.
PIANO.
pp
The night in si - - - lence un - - der
Str.
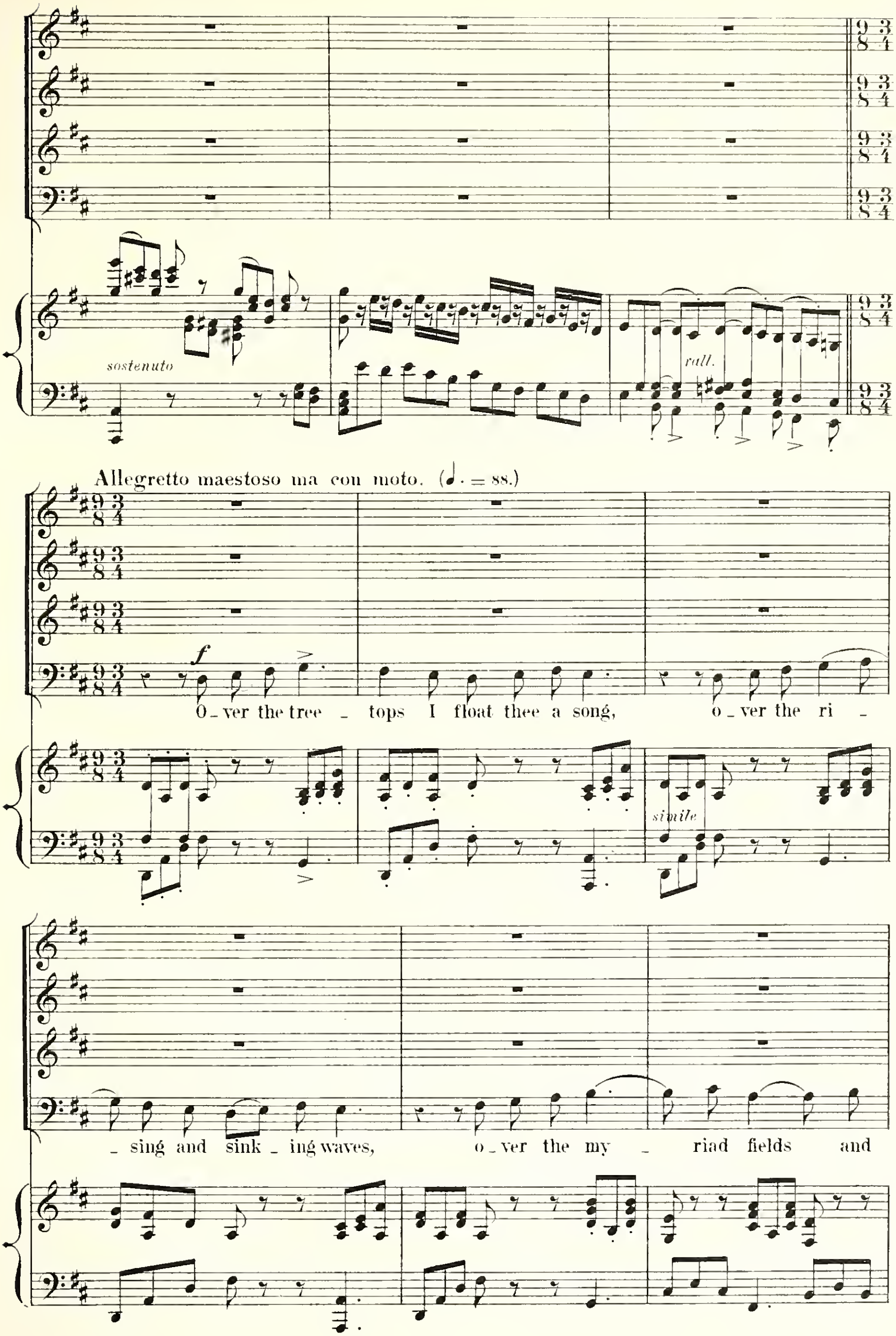

ma - - ny a star,
ma - - ny a star,
ma - - ny a star,
ma - - ny a star,
Fl.
Cl.
Cor.
The night in si - - -
The night in si - - -
The night in si - - -
The night in si - - -
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a
lence, un - - der ma - - ny a
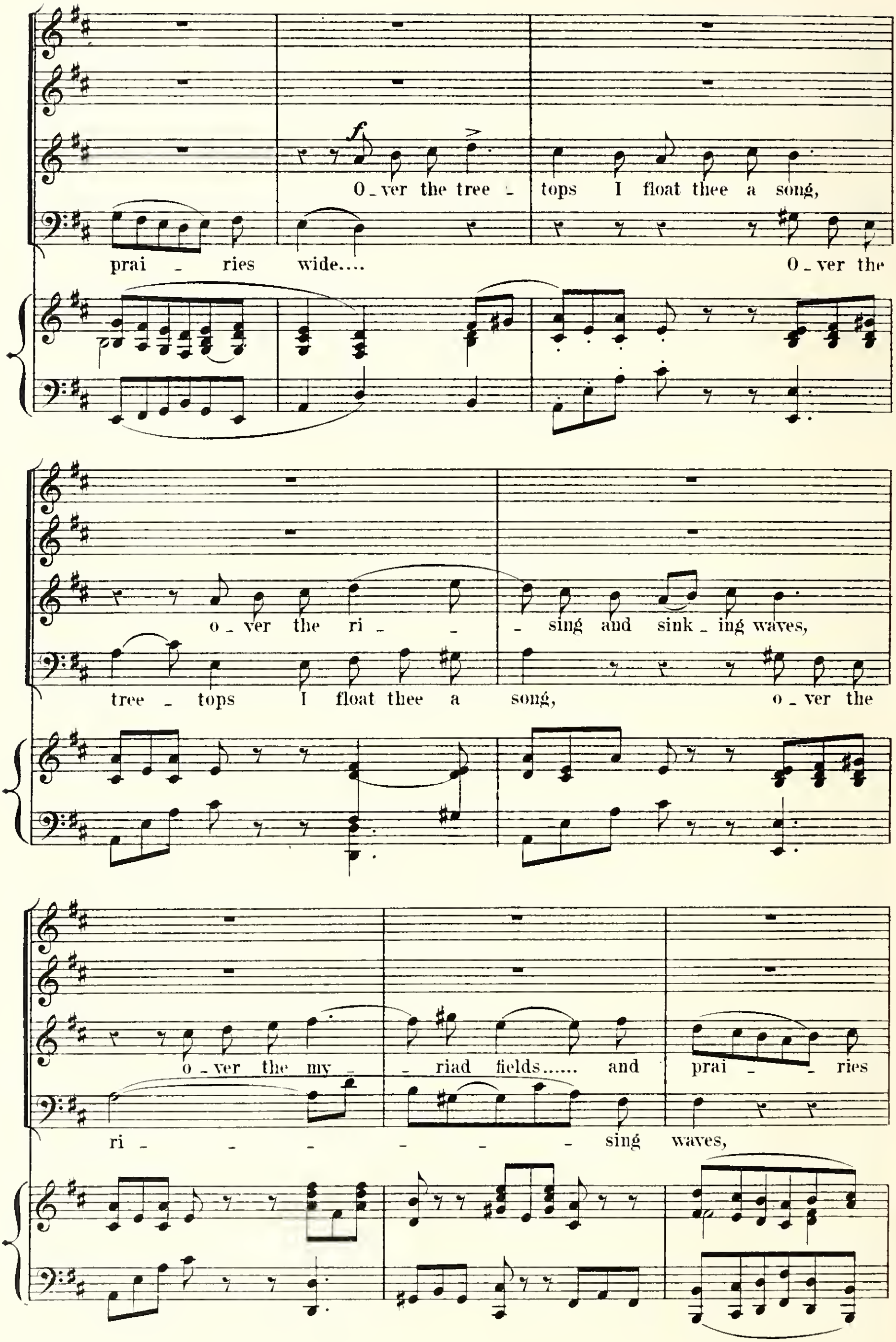

star,
star,
star,
star,
Fl
Cl.
Cor.
X
the o - cean shore,
the o - cean shore,
the o - cean shore,
the o - cean shore,
the o - cean
the o - cean
the o - cean
the o - cean
X
shore and the hus - ky
shore and the hus - ky
shore and the hus - ky
and the
shore and the hus - ky
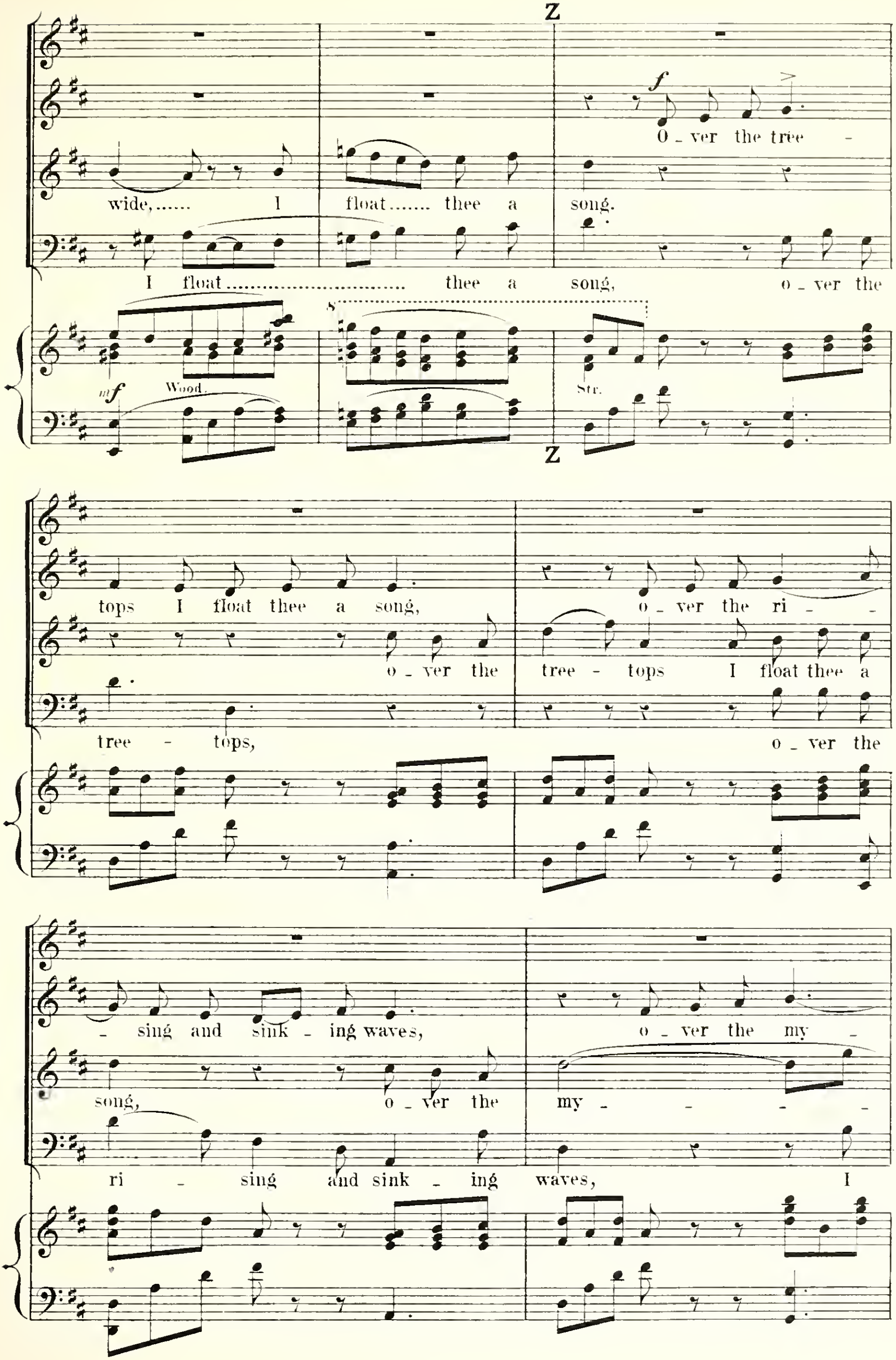

whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
whisp - 'ring wave, whose voice I
know;
know;
know; and the soul turn - ing to
know; and the soul turn - ing to
poco cresc.
poco cresc.
8
Fl. Ob.
pp
O vast and well - veiled Death,
O vast and well - veiled Death,
thee, O vast and well - veiled Death,
thee,...... O vast and well - veiled Death,
Brass.
Str.
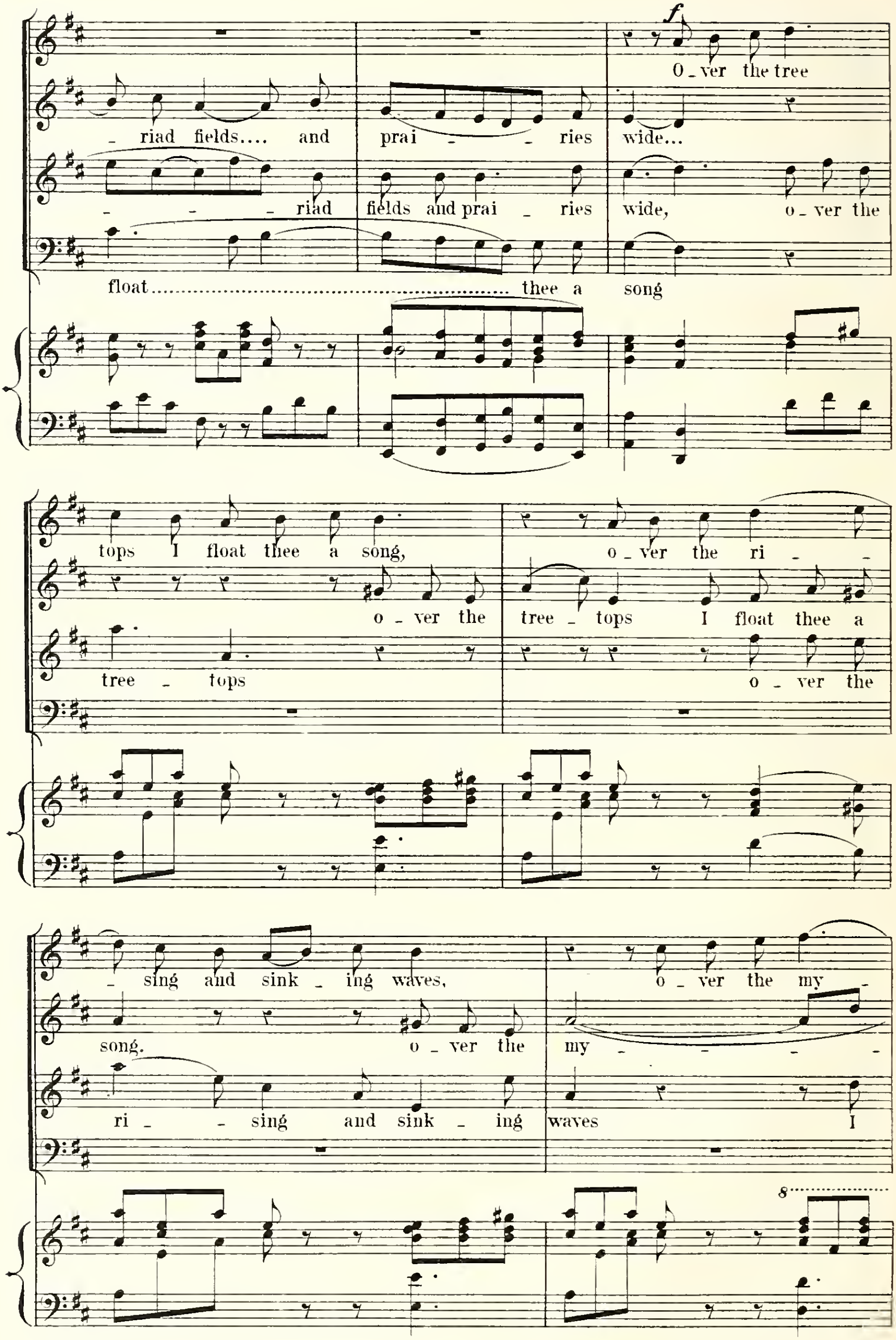

poco cresc.
and the soul turn - ing to thee,......... O
poco cresc.
and the soul turn - ing to thee, O
pp
O
O
Y
vast and well-veiled Death, and the bo - dy grate - ful - ly
vast and well-veiled Death, the bo - dy grate - ful - ly
vast and well-veiled Death, and the bo - dy grate - ful - ly
vast and well-veiled Death, the
Brass.
Bassi.
Tymp.
nest - ling, grate - ful - ly nest -
nest - ling, grate - ful - ly nest -
nest - ling, grate - ful - ly nest -
bo - dy grate - ful - ly nest -
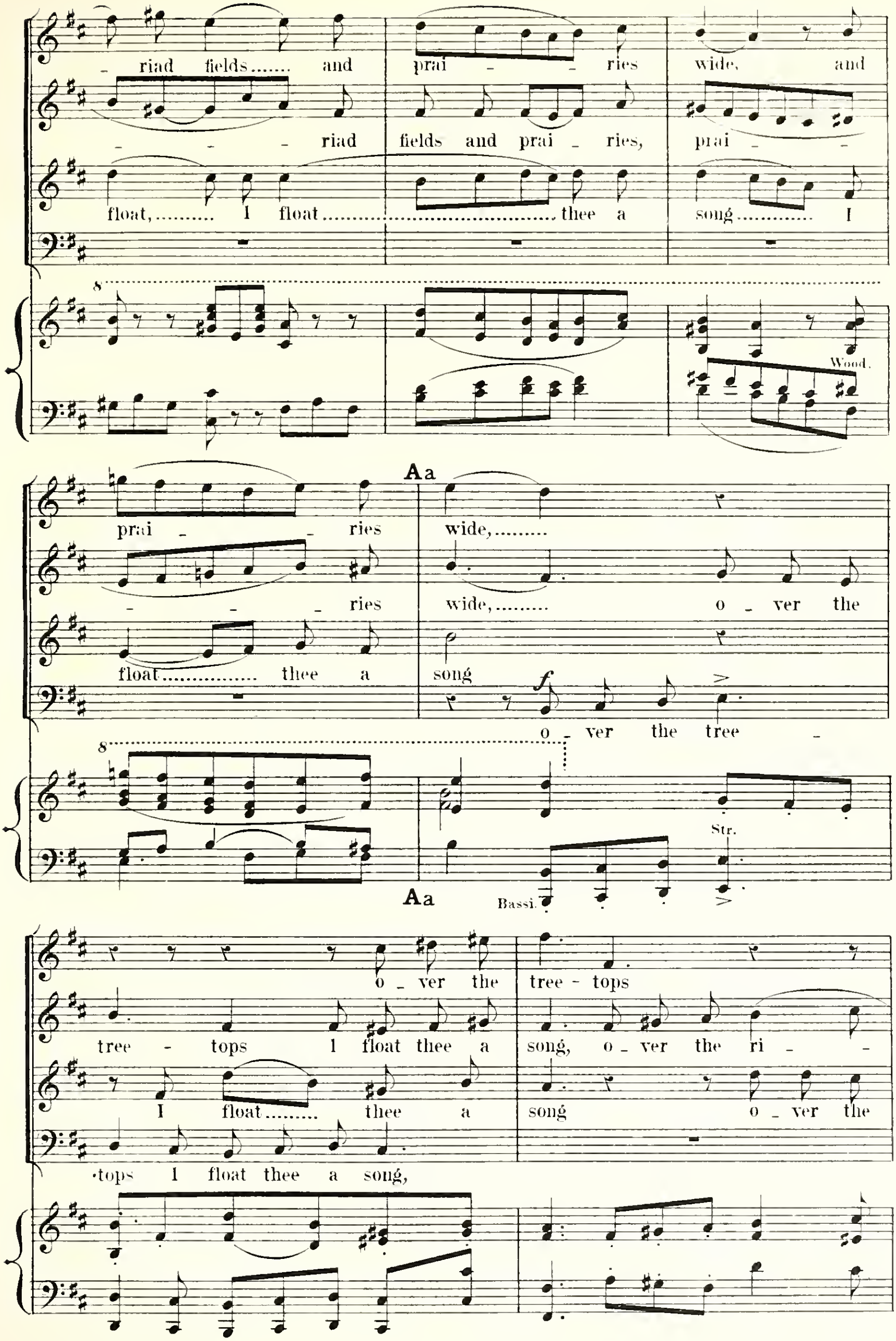

Animato. (♩ = 112.)
ling close............ to thee.
ling close............ to thee.
ling close............ to thee.
ling close............ to thee.
mf
cresc.
f
poco a poco
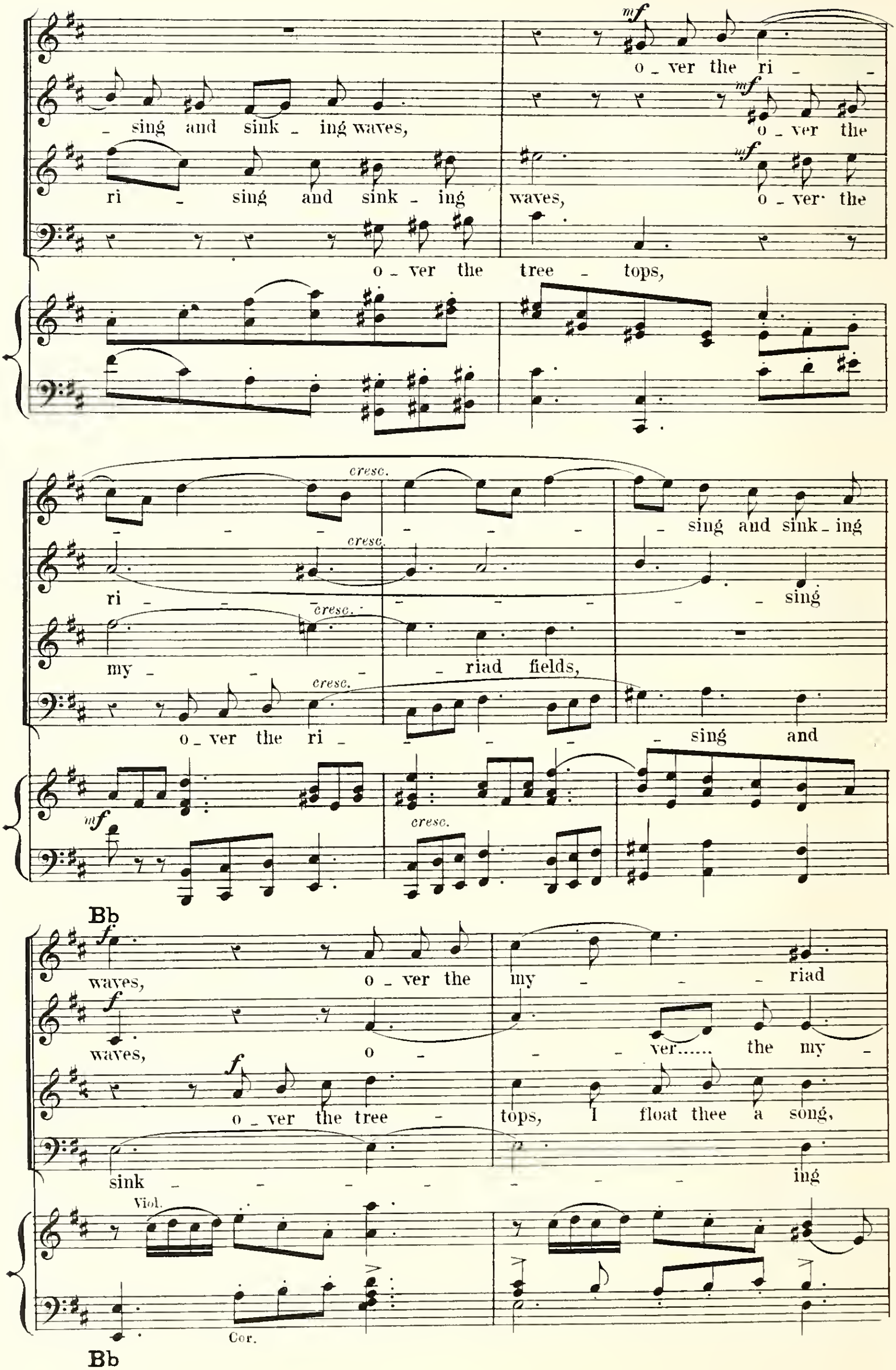

sostenuto
rall.
Allegretto maestoso ma con moto. (♩. = 88.)
f
O_ver the tree _ tops I float thee a song, o_ver the ri _
simile
_ sing and sink _ ing waves, o_ver the my _ riad fields and
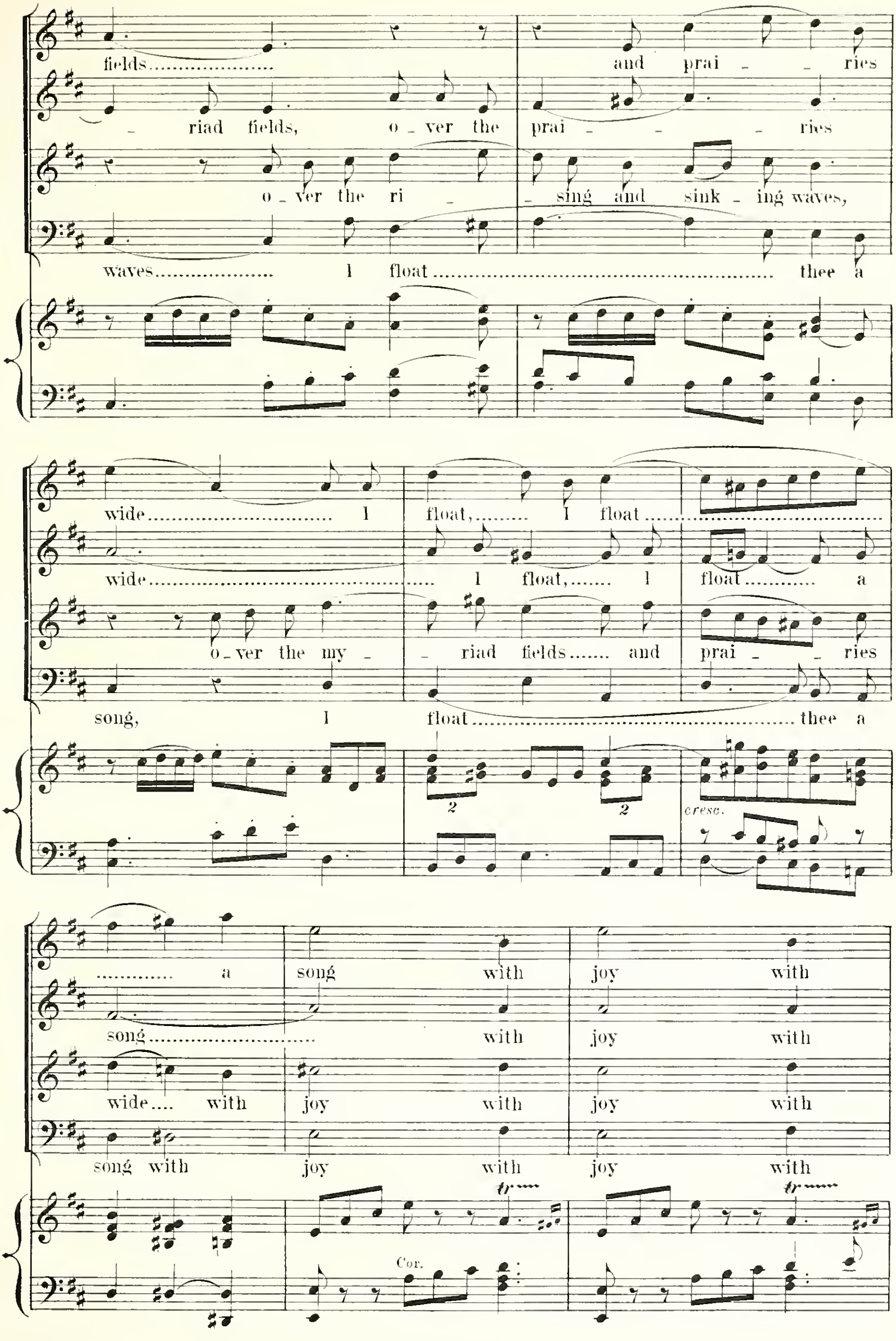

f
O _ ver the tree _ tops I float thee a song,
prai _ ries wide....
O _ ver the
o _ ver the ri _ _ _ sing and sink _ ing waves,
tree _ tops I float thee a song,
o _ ver the
o _ ver the my _ _ riad fields...... and prai _ _ ries
ri _ _ _ _ _ _ sing waves,
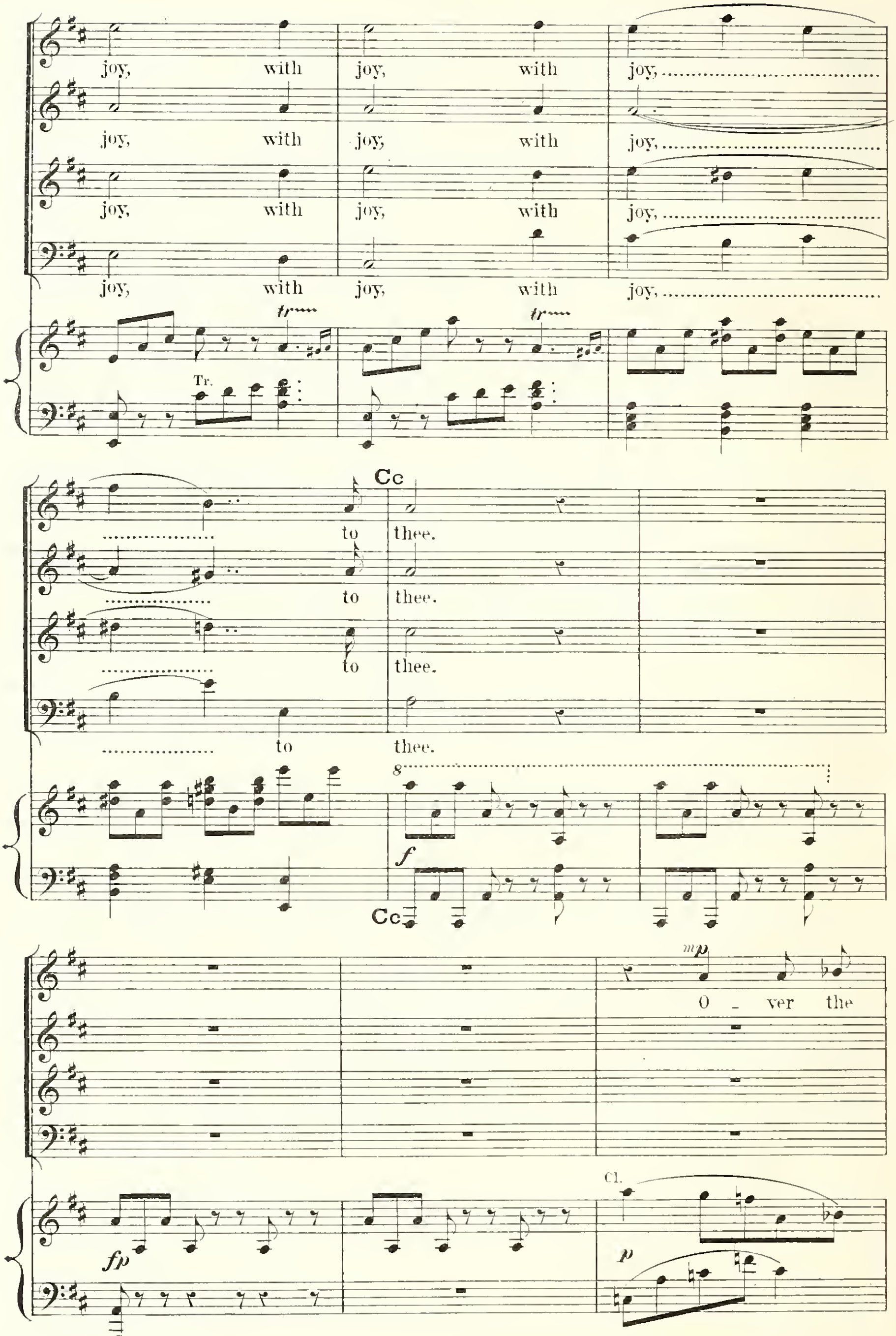

Z
f
O - ver the tree -
wide,...... I float...... thee a song.
I float.............................. thee a song, o - ver the
mf
Wood.
Str.
Z
tops I float thee a song,
o - ver the ri -
o - ver the
tree - tops I float thee a
tree - tops,
o - ver the
- sing and sink - ing waves,
o - ver the my -
song,
o - ver the
my -
ri - sing and sink - ing
waves,
I
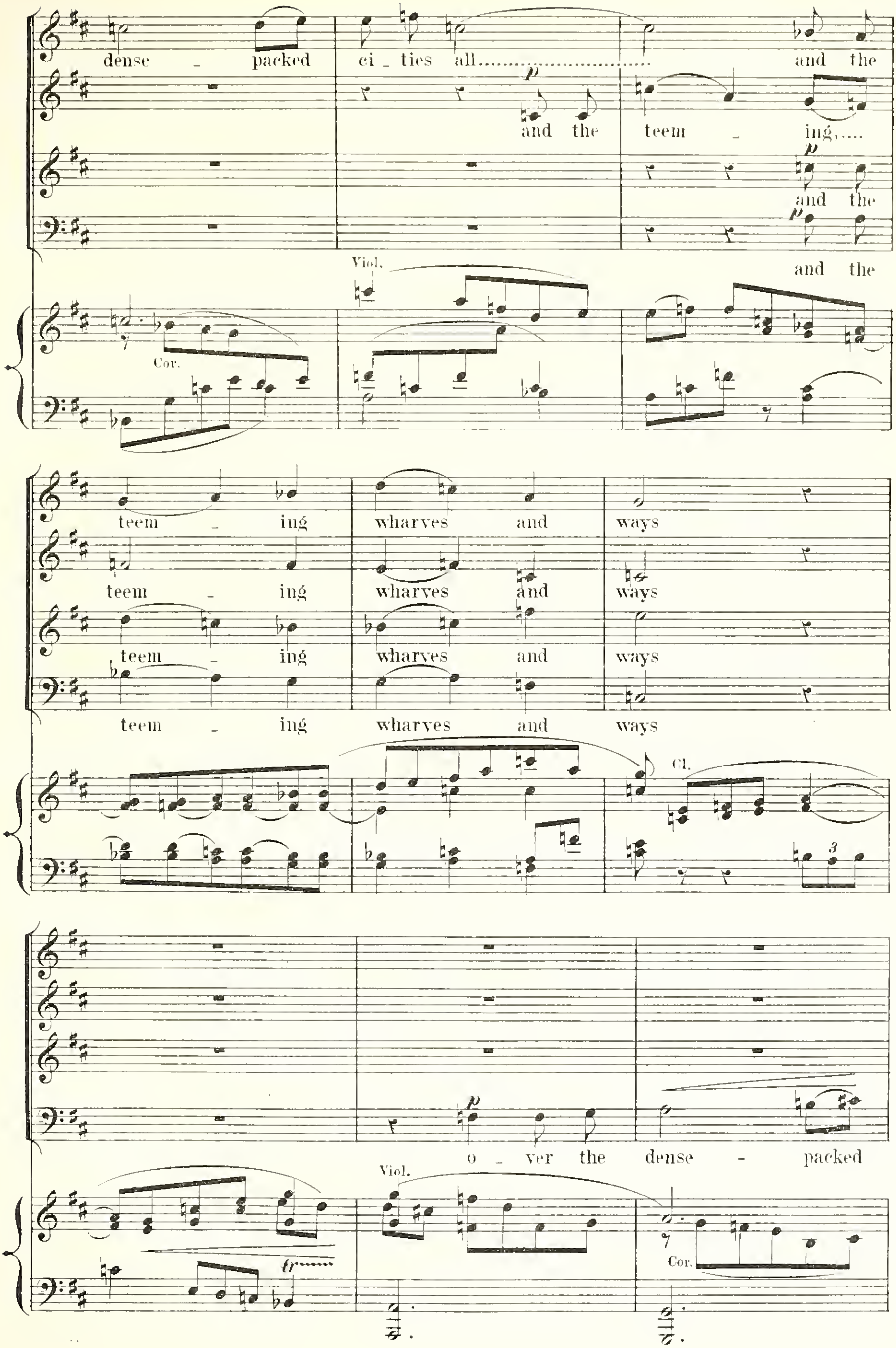

O _ ver the tree
_ riad fields.... and prai _ _ ries wide...
_ _ _ riad fields and prai _ ries wide, o _ ver the
float .... thee a song
tops I float thee a song, o _ ver the ri _ _
o _ ver the tree _ tops I float thee a
tree _ tops o _ ver the
_ sing and sink _ ing waves, o _ ver the my _
song. o _ ver the my _ _ _ _ _
ri _ _ sing and sink _ ing waves I
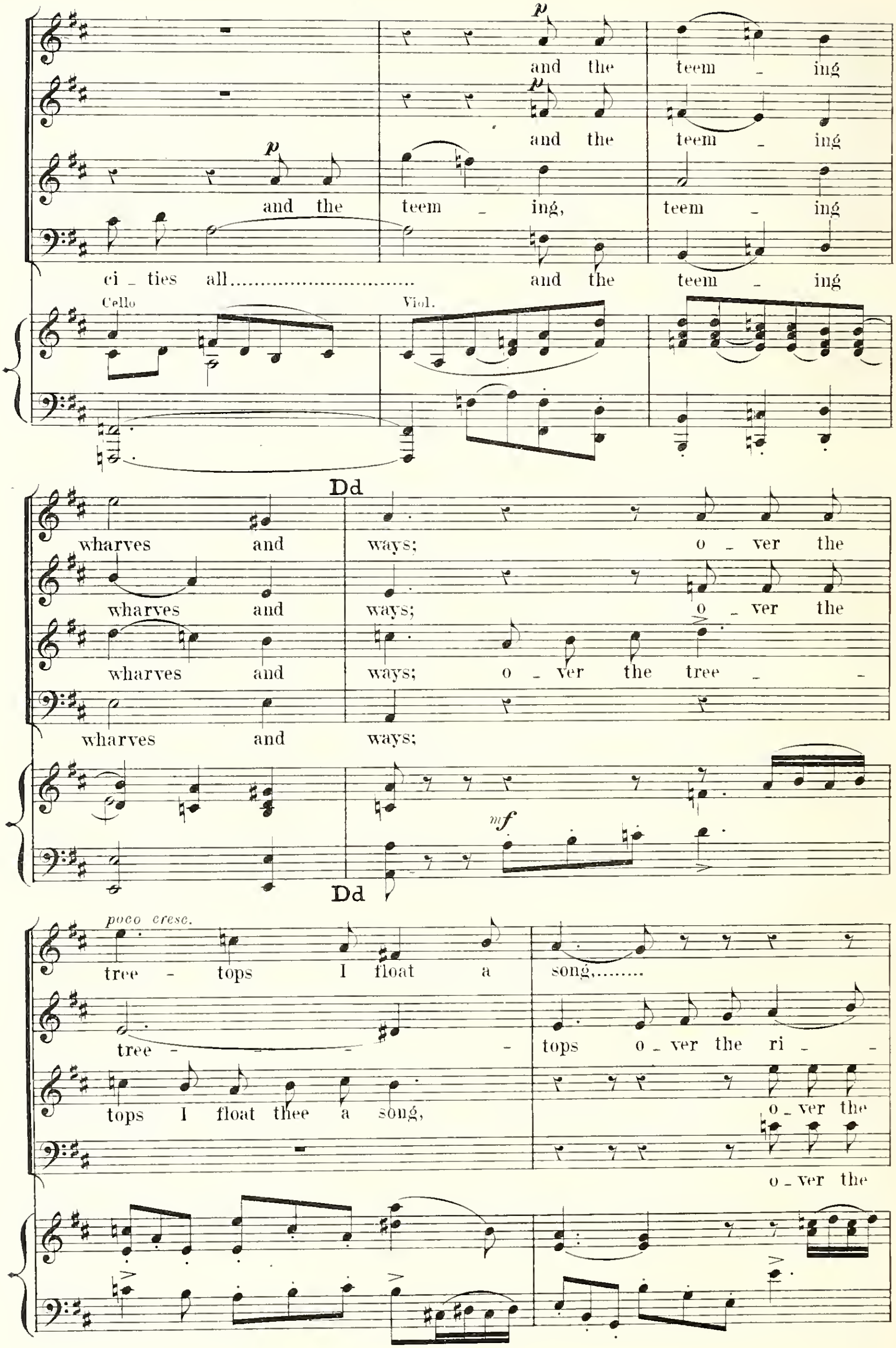

- riad fields....... and prai - - ries wide, and
- - - riad fields and prai - ries, prai - -
float,.......... I float .... thee a song I
Wood.
prai - - ries wide,.........
- - - ries wide,......... o - ver the
float .... thee a song
o - ver the tree -
Aa
Str.
Bassi.
o - ver the tree - tops
tree - tops I float thee a song, o - ver the ri - -
I float......... thee a song o - ver the
·tops I float thee a song,
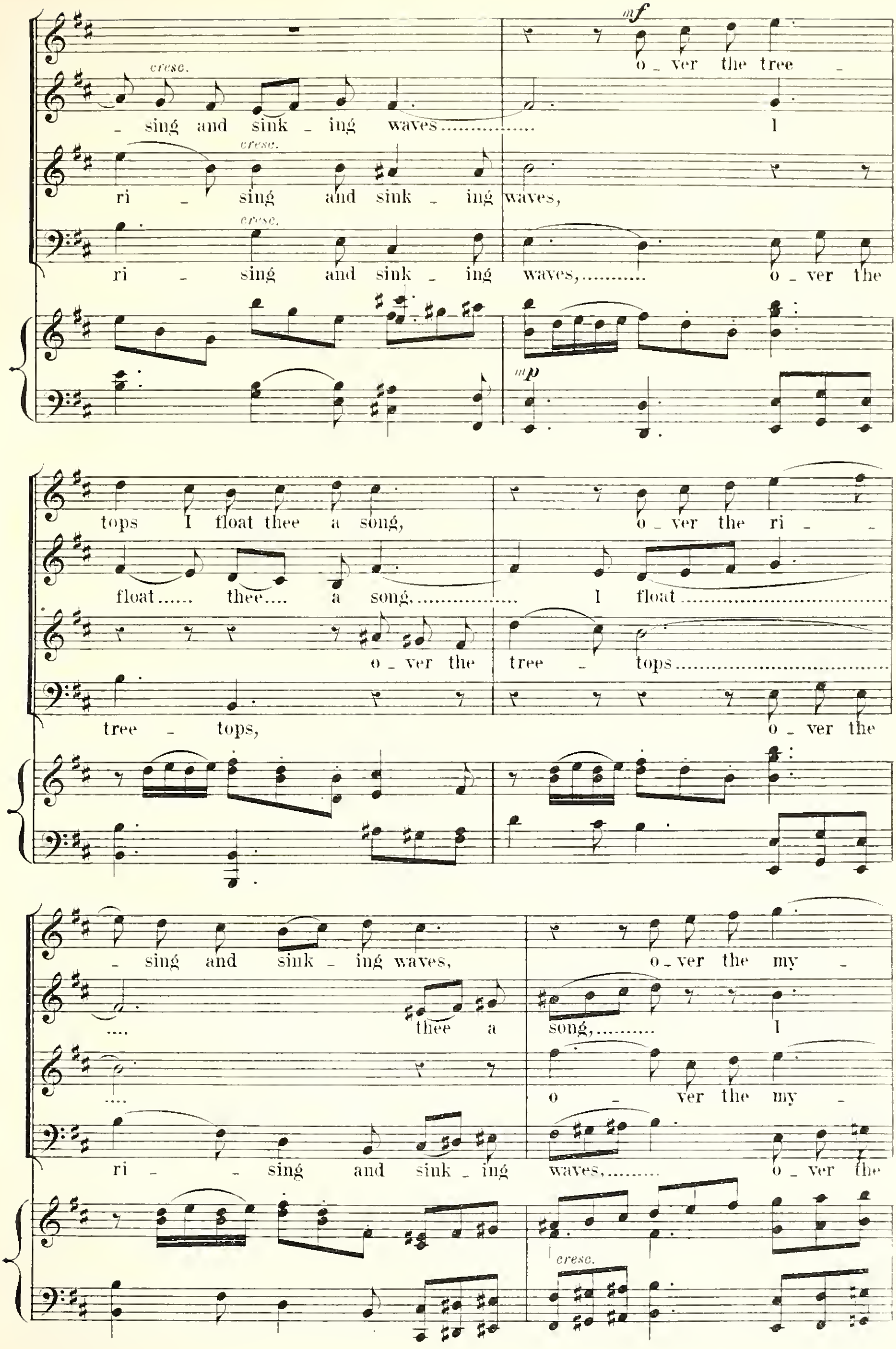

mf
o _ ver the ri _ _
_ sing and sink _ ing waves,
mf
o _ ver the
ri _ sing and sink _ ing
waves,
mf
o _ ver· the
o _ ver the tree _ tops,
cresc.
_ _ _ _ _ _ sing and sink _ ing
cresc.
ri _ _ _ _ _ _ _ sing
cresc.
my _ _ _ riad fields,
cresc.
o _ ver the ri _ _ _ _ _ sing and
mf
cresc.
Bb
f
waves, o _ ver the my _ _ _ riad
f
waves, o _ _ _ ver...... the my _
f
o _ ver the tree _ tops, I float thee a song,
sink _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ing
Viol.
Cor.
Bb
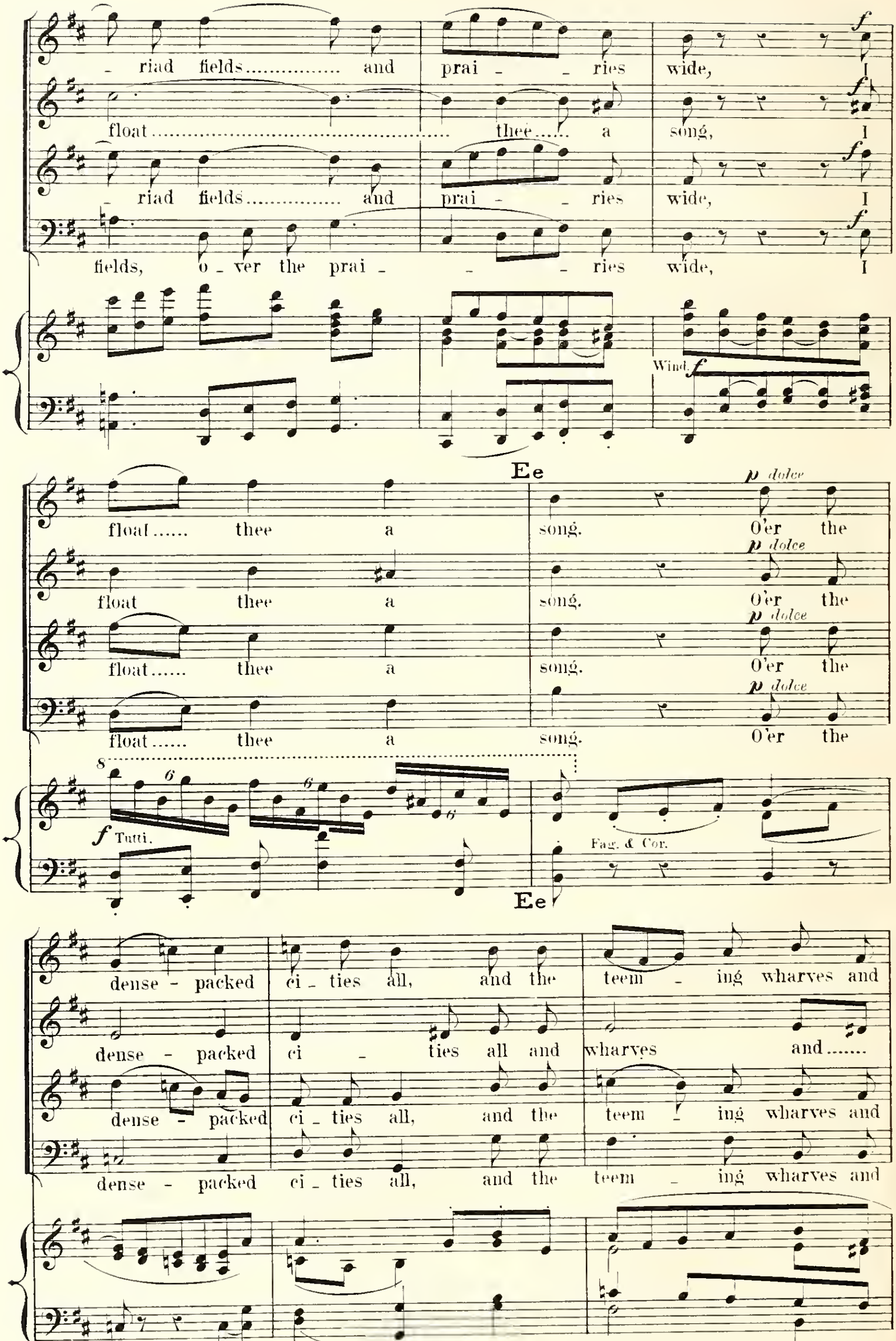

fields.................... and prai _ _ ries
_ riad fields, o _ ver the prai _ _ _ ries
o _ ver the ri _ _ sing and sink _ ing waves,
waves.................. I float .... thee a
wide........................ I float,........ I float ....
wide........................ I float,....... I float.......... a
o _ ver the my _ _ riad fields....... and prai _ _ ries
song, I float .... thee a
2 2 cresc.
.... a song with joy with
song .... with joy with
wide.... with joy with joy with
song with joy with joy with
tr tr
Cor.
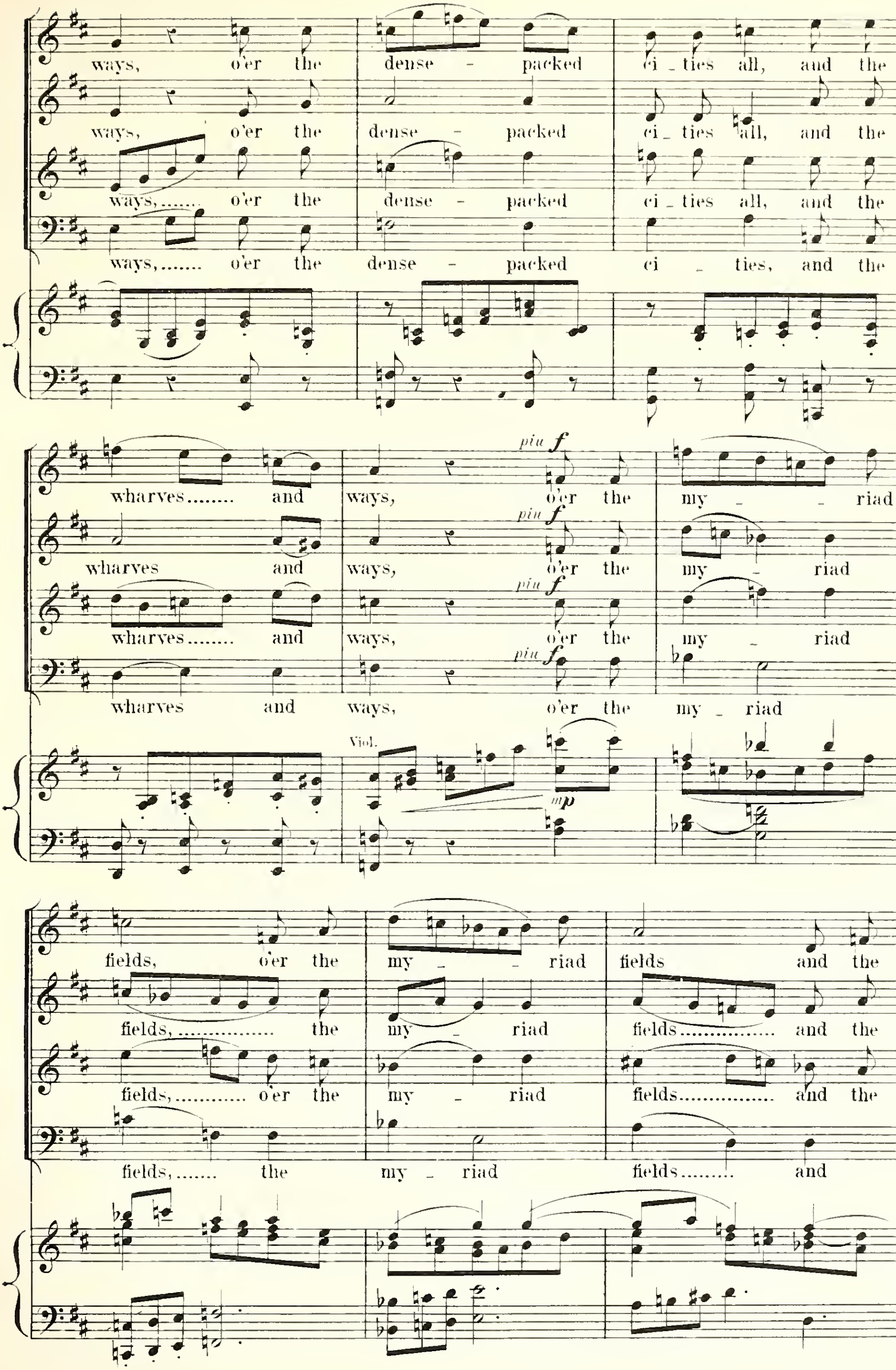

joy, with joy, with joy,
joy, with joy, with joy,
joy, with joy, with joy,
joy, with joy, with joy,
tr
Tr.
to thee.
to thee.
to thee.
to thee.
Cc
8
f
mp
O - ver the
Cl.
fp
p
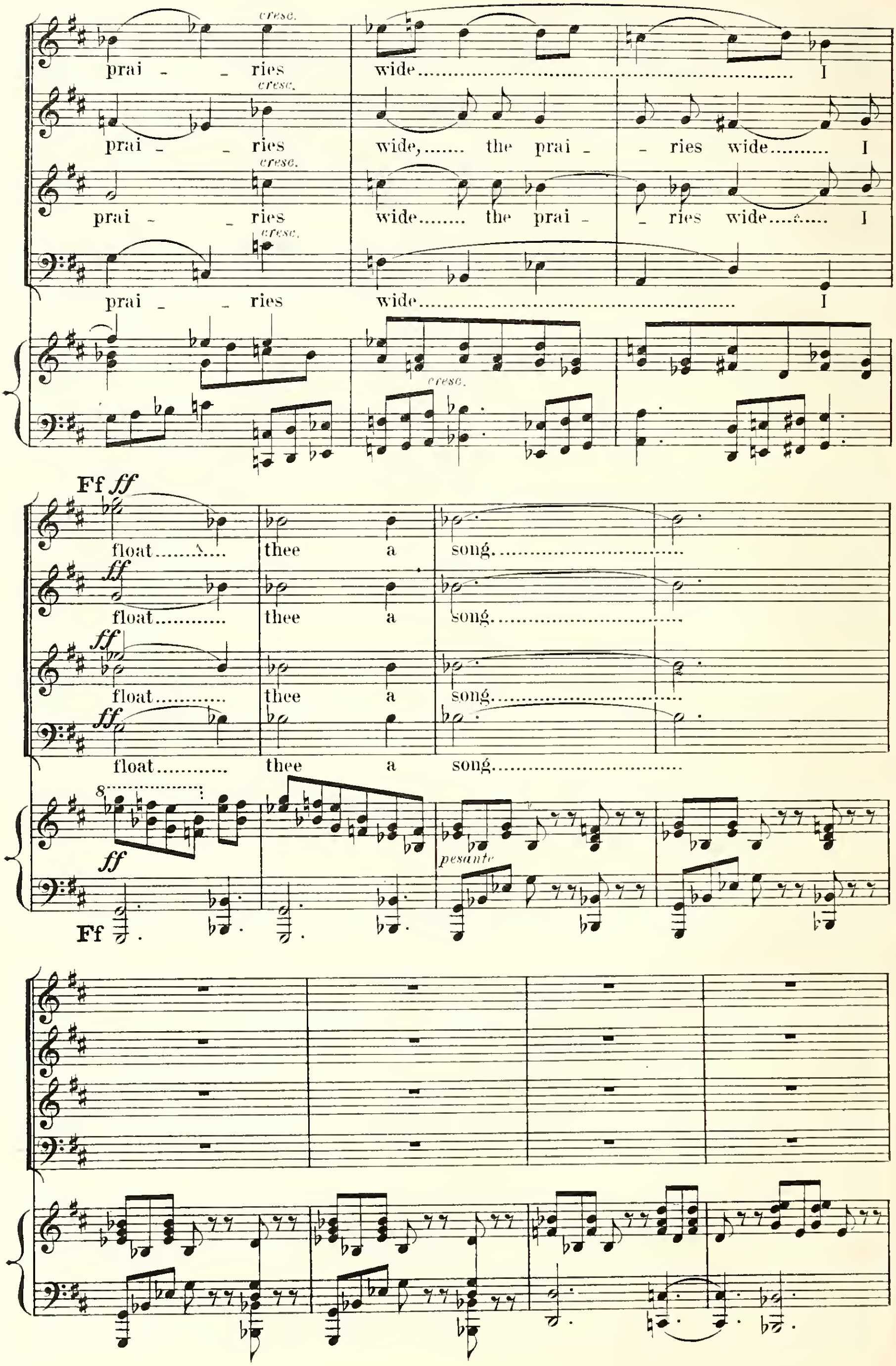

dense - packed ci - ties all.......... and the
and the teem - ing,....
and the
and the
Viol.
Cor.
teem - ing wharves and ways
teem - ing wharves and ways
teem - ing wharves and ways
teem - ing wharves and ways
Cl.
o - ver the dense - packed
Viol.
Cor.
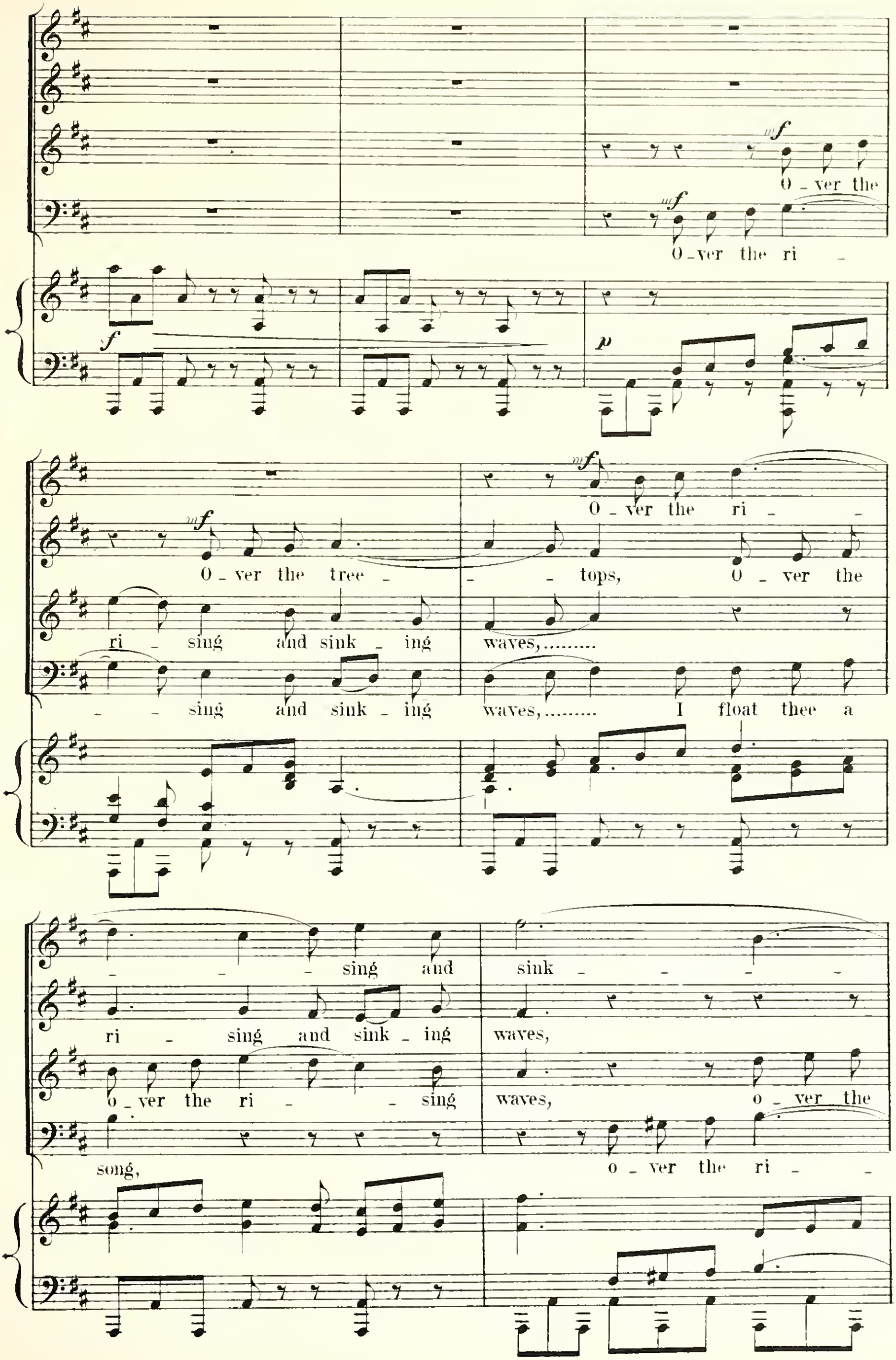

p
and the teem - ing
p
and the teem - ing
p
and the teem - ing, teem - ing
ci - ties all............................... and the teem - ing
Cello
Viol.
Dd
wharves and ways; o - ver the
wharves and ways; o - ver the
wharves and ways; o - ver the tree - -
wharves and ways;
mf
Dd
poco cresc.
tree - tops I float a song,........
tree - - - tops o - ver the ri - -
tops I float thee a song, o - ver the
o - ver the
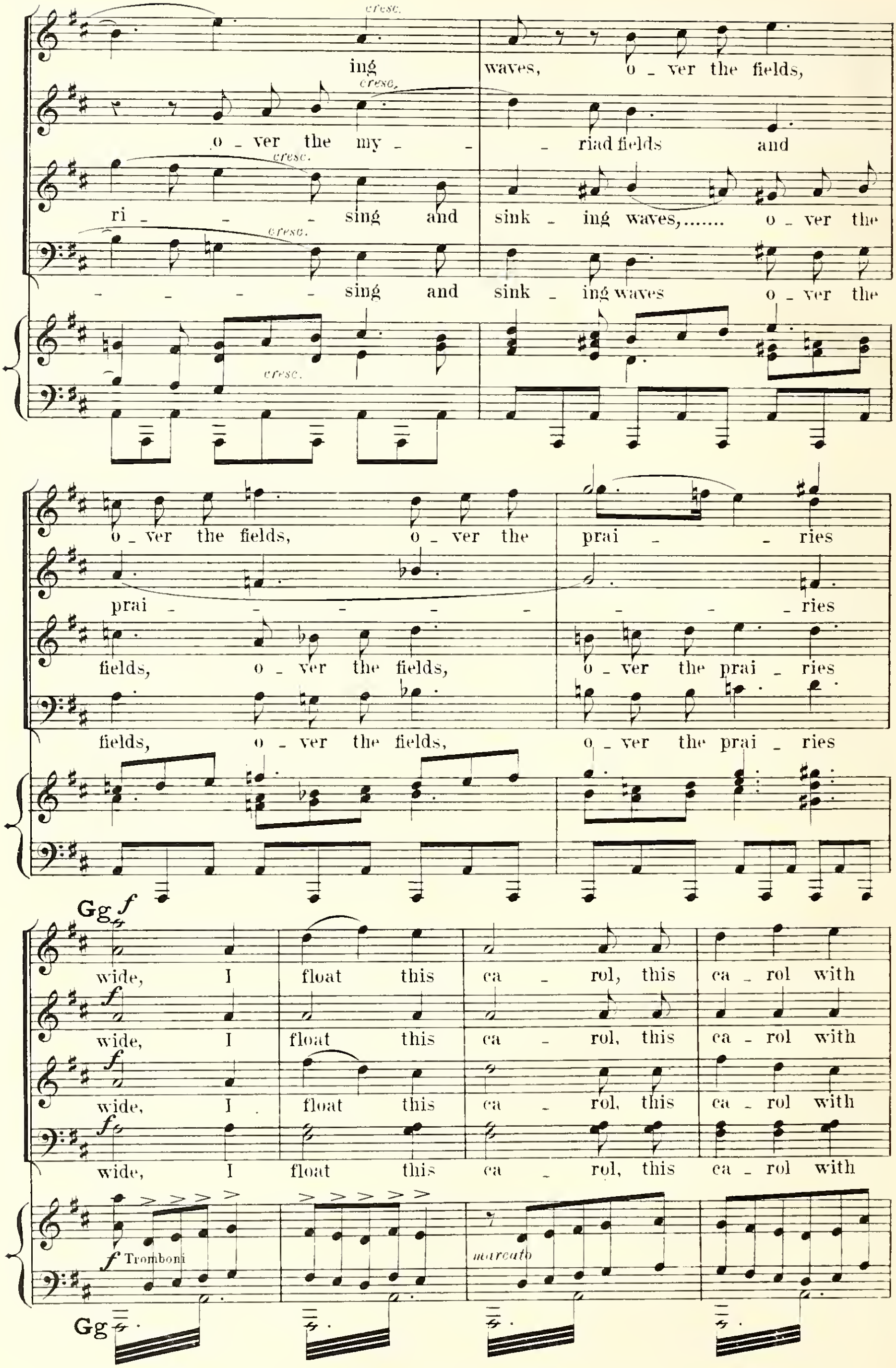

mf
o - ver the tree -
cresc.
- sing and sink - ing waves................ I
cresc.
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,
cresc.
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,........... o - ver the
mp
tops I float thee a song, o - ver the ri -
float...... thee.... a song................. I float
o - ver the tree - tops
tree - tops, o - ver the
- sing and sink - ing waves, o - ver the my -
.... thee a song,.......... I
.... o - ver the my -
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,......... o - ver the
cresc.
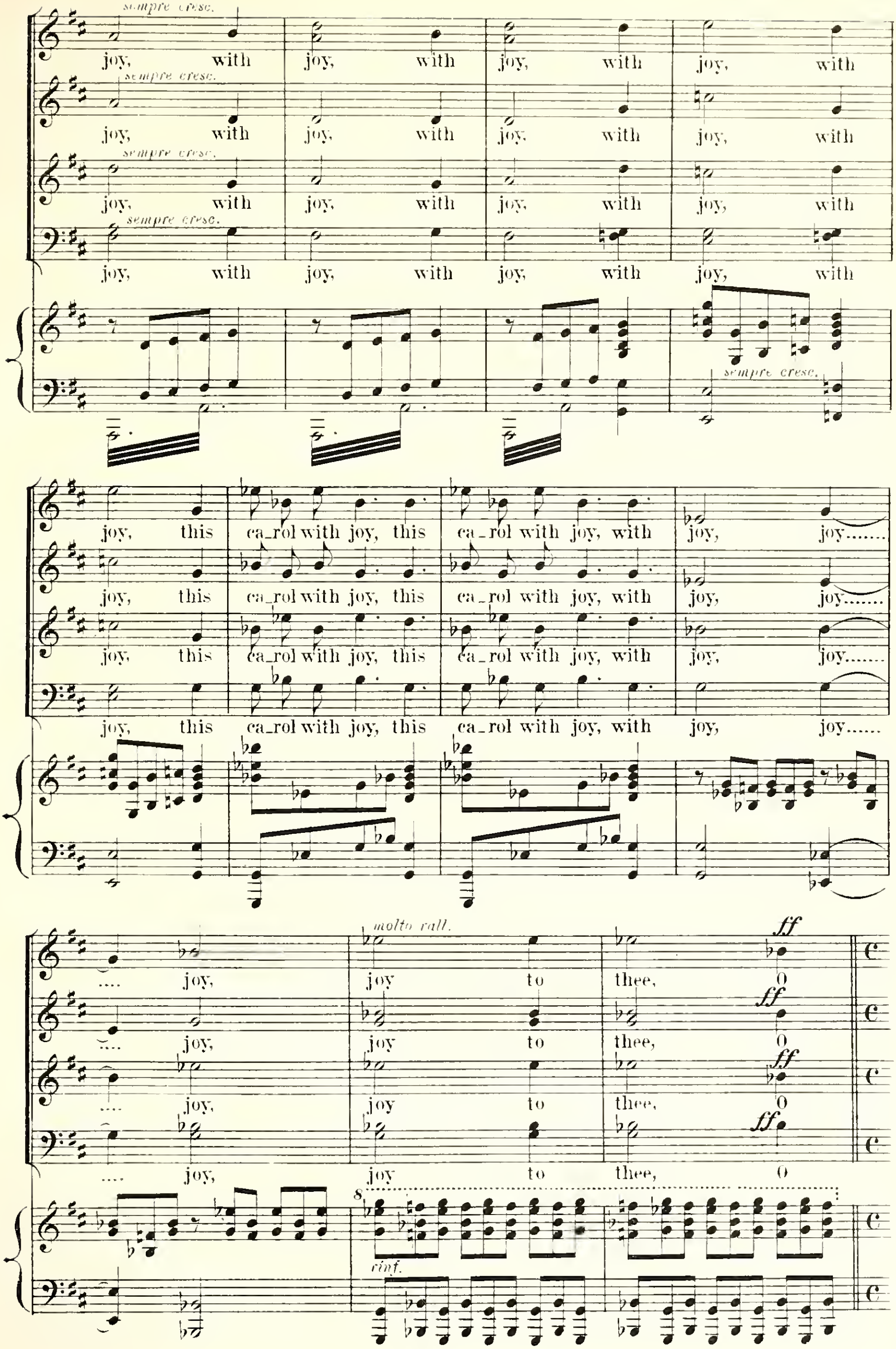

- riad fields............... and prai - - ries wide, I
float... thee...... a song, I
- riad fields............... and prai - - ries wide, I
fields, o - ver the prai - - - ries wide, I
Wind. f
Ee
p dolce
float...... thee a song. O'er the
float thee a song. O'er the
float...... thee a song. O'er the
float...... thee a song. O'er the
f Tutti.
Fag. & Cor.
dense - packed ci - ties all, and the teem - ing wharves and
dense - packed ci - ties all and wharves and.......
dense - packed ci - ties all, and the teem - ing wharves and
dense - packed ci - ties all, and the teem - ing wharves and
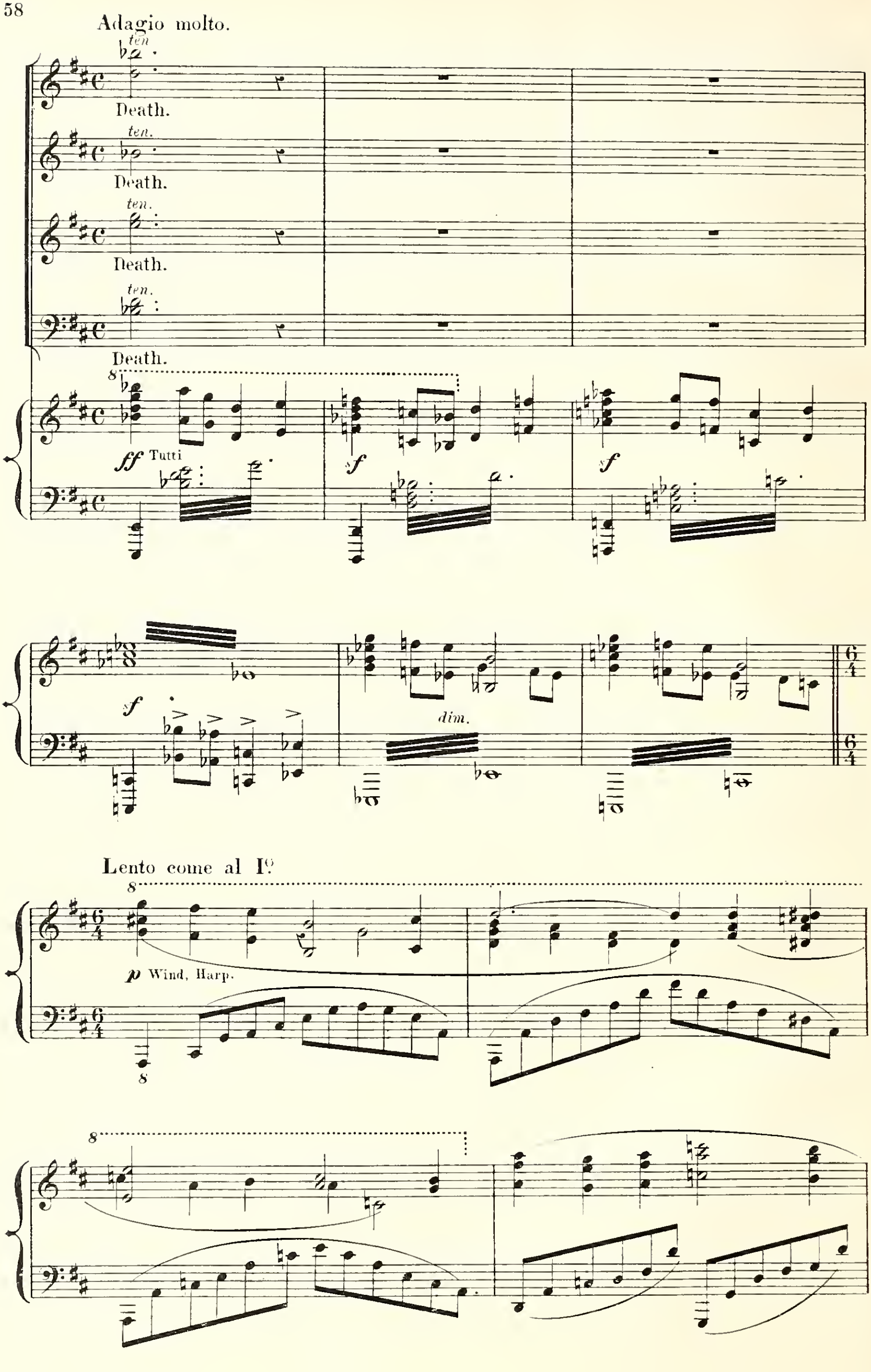

ways, o'er the dense - packed ci - ties all, and the
ways, o'er the dense - packed ci - ties all, and the
ways,....... o'er the dense - packed ci - ties all, and the
ways,....... o'er the dense - packed ci - ties, and the
wharves........ and ways, più f o'er the my - - riad
wharves and ways, più f o'er the my - riad
wharves........ and ways, più f o'er the my - riad
wharves and ways, più f o'er the my - riad
Viol.
mp
fields, o'er the my - - riad fields and the
fields,................ the my - riad fields................ and the
fields,........... o'er the my - riad fields................ and the
fields,....... the my - riad fields......... and
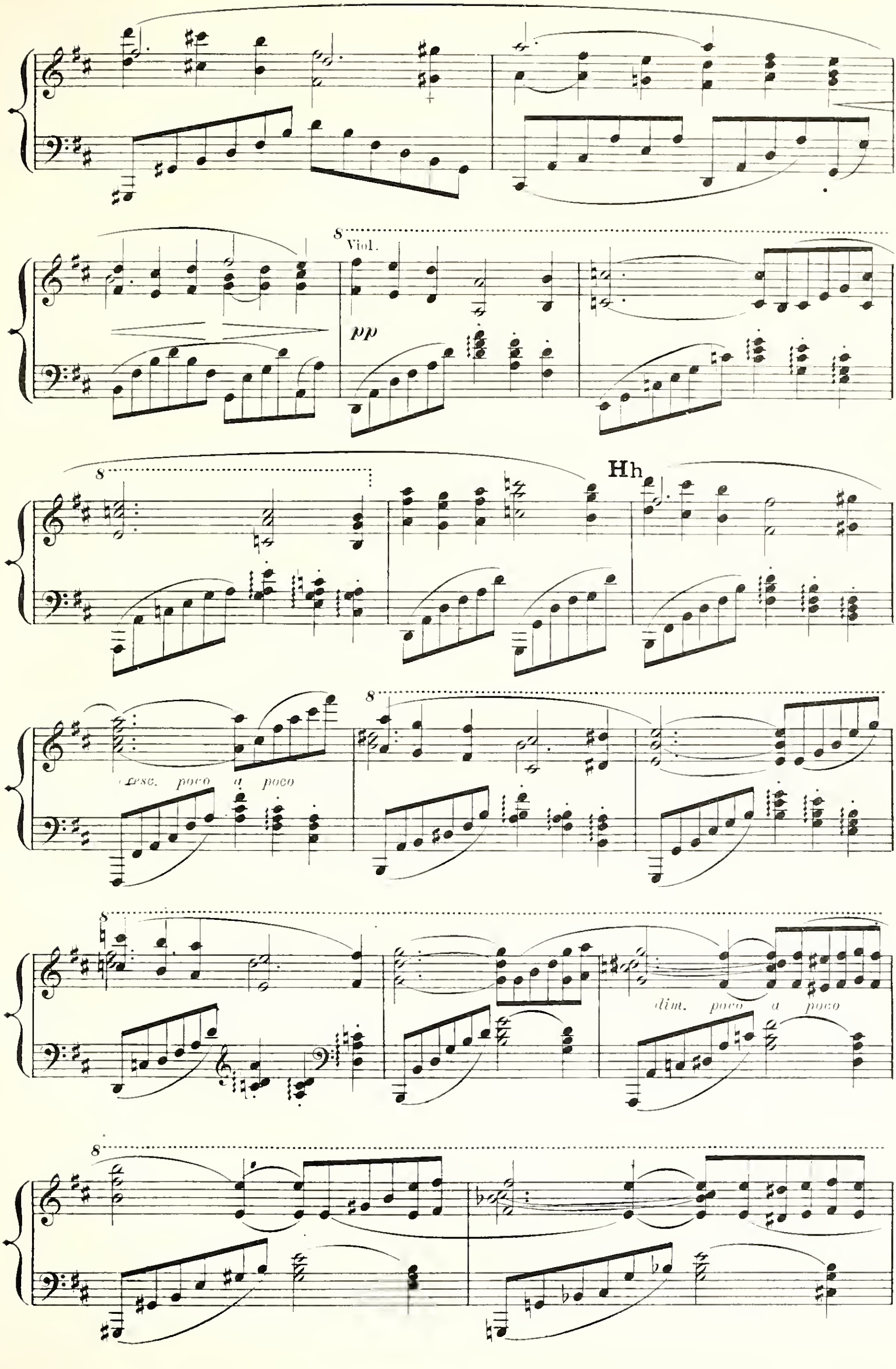

cresc.
prai - - ries wide.. I
cresc.
prai - - ries wide,....... the prai - - ries wide.......... I
cresc.
prai - - ries wide........ the prai - - ries wide.......... I
cresc.
prai - - ries wide.. I
cresc.
Ff ff
float.......... thee a song..........................
ff
float.......... thee a song..........................
ff
float.......... thee a song..........................
ff
float.......... thee a song..........................
8
ff
pesante
Ff
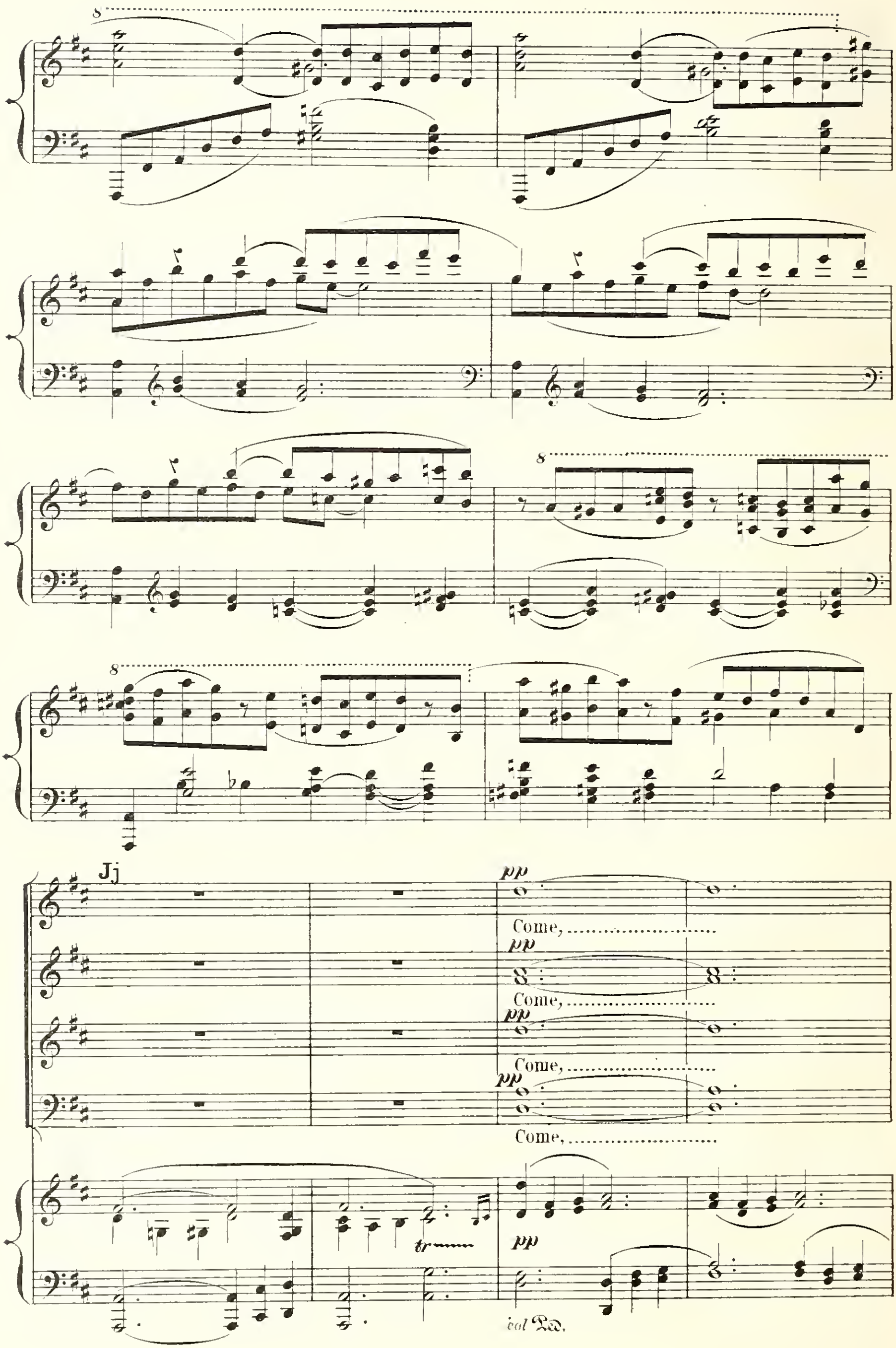

mf
O - ver the
O - ver the ri -
f
p
O - ver the ri - -
O - ver the tree - - - tops, O - ver the
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,.........
- - sing and sink - ing waves,......... I float thee a
- - - sing and sink - - - -
ri - sing and sink - ing waves,
o - ver the ri - - sing waves, o - ver the
song, o - ver the ri - -
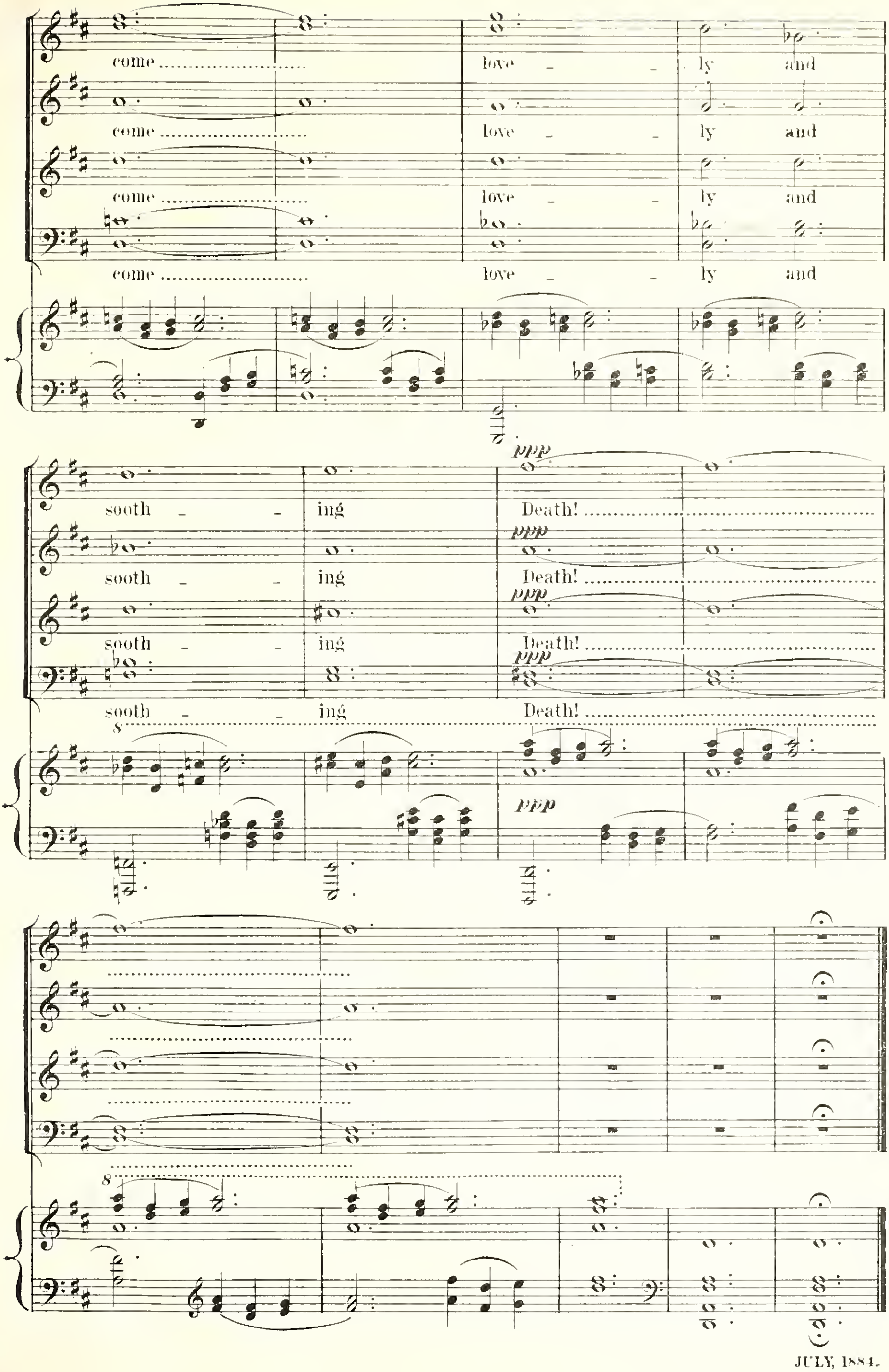

cresc.
ing waves, o - ver the fields,
o - ver the my - - riad fields and
ri - - - sing and sink - ing waves,....... o - ver the
- - - - sing and sink - ing waves o - ver the
cresc.
o - ver the fields, o - ver the prai - - ries
prai - - - - - - - ries
fields, o - ver the fields, o - ver the prai - ries
fields, o - ver the fields, o - ver the prai - ries
Gg f
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
wide, I float this ca - rol, this ca - rol with
f Tromboni
marcato
Gg


sempre cresc.
joy, with joy, with joy, with joy, with
sempre cresc.
joy, this ca_rol with joy, this ca_rol with joy, with joy, joy......
.... joy,
molto rall.
joy to thee,
ff
O
rinf.


Adagio molto.
ten
Death.
ten.
Death.
ten.
Death.
ten.
Death.
ff Tutti
f
f
f
dim.
Lento come al I°
p Wind, Harp.


8
Viol.
pp
8
Hh
cresc. poco a poco
8
8
8
dim. poco a poco
8


8
8
8
Jj
pp
Come,
pp
Come,
pp
Come,
pp
Come,
tr
pp
col Ped.


come ....
love _ _ ly and
come ....
love _ _ ly and
come ....
love _ _ ly and
come ....
love _ _ ly and
sooth _ _ ing
Death! ....
sooth _ _ ing
Death! ....
sooth _ _ ing
Death! ....
sooth _ _ ing
Death! ....
ppp
ppp
ppp
ppp
ppp
8
8

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